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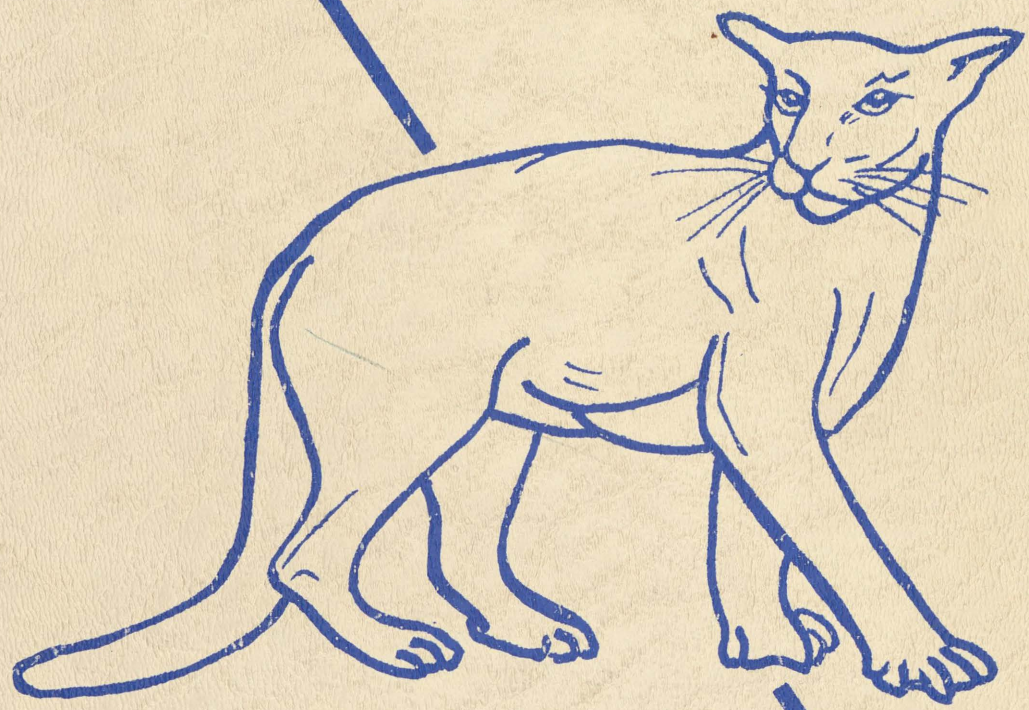

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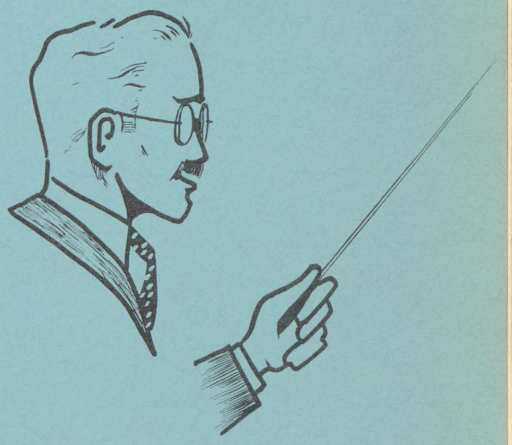

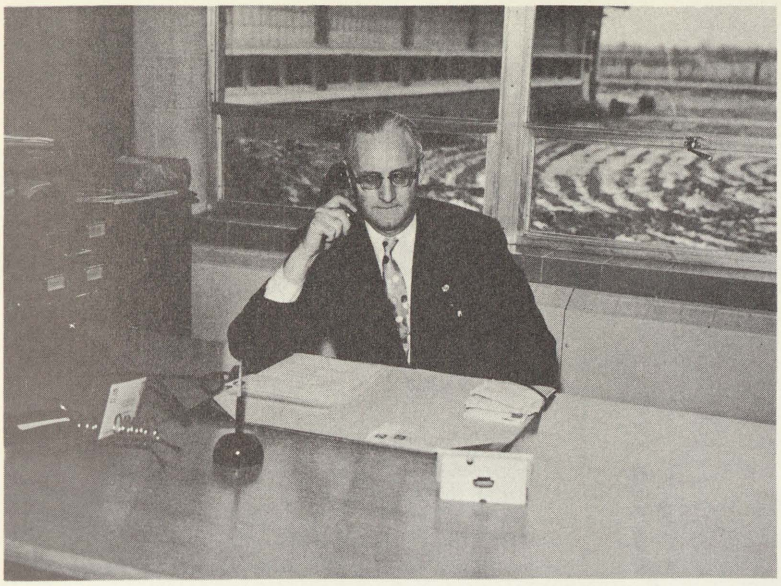

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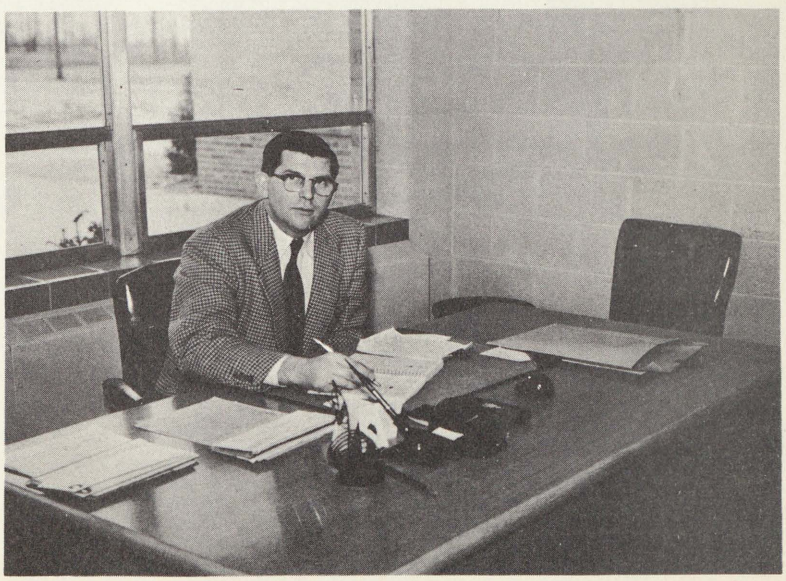

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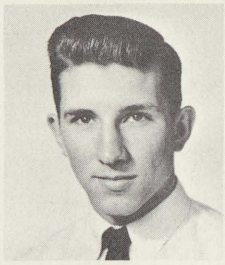

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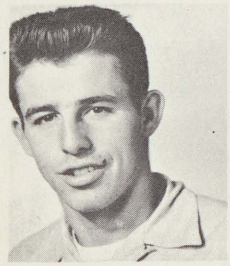

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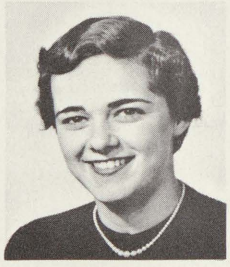

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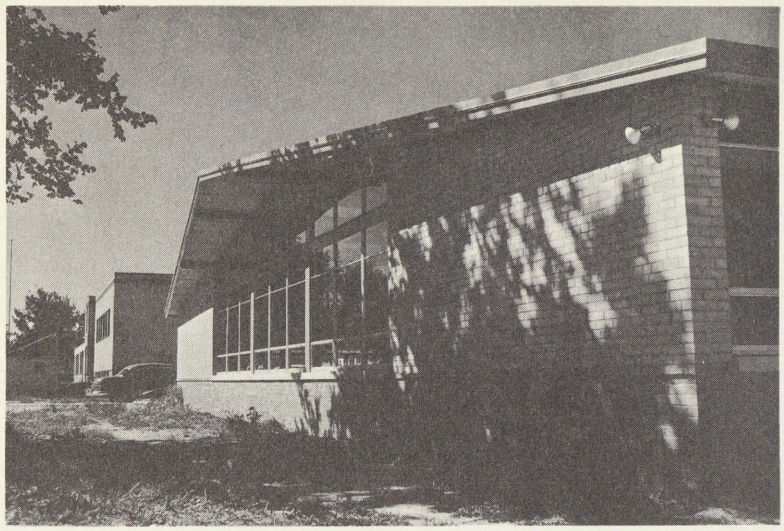
DEDICATION PROGRAM



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1956

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM OF DEDICATION

Open House 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Selections .... Birch Run School Band 7:30-8:00
Mr. D. G. Lidikay, Dir.

Presentation of Flag .... Mrs. Florence Fent representing the Blue Star Mothers
Received by Robert Benes, President of the Student Council

"Star Spangled Banner" ..... Birch Run School Band

Invocation ..... Rev. Joseph E. Shaw

Introductions ..... Harry Layman, Superintendent

Dedication Address ..... Edgar Grim, State Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

"Bless this House" ..... Birch Run High School Glee
"The Man Upstairs" Club, D. G. Lidikay, Dir.

Benediction ..... Rev. Joseph E. Shaw

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BUILDING COSTS

General Contract	$ 184,653.00
Mechanical Contract	63,740.00
Electrical Contract	21,814.00
Total	$ 270,207.00
Building contains	22,810 sq. feet
Cost per square foot	$11.84

FEATURES OF NEW BUILDING

Hot water heat -- oil fired and conversion from coal to oil in the old building.
15 teaching stations.
Terrazzo corridor and toilet room floors.
Glazed tile corridor and toilet room walls.
Prefabricated wooden beams carrying Tectum roof deck which also serves as ceiling, insulation, and acoustical treatment.
Study Hall planned to serve community as well as school for meeting place.
Cafeteria to serve meals to all pupils.
General shop designed to include vocational agriculture and shop in the future.
All aluminum window sash.
In general -- combines existing plant with the new.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Landscaping	Birch Run Lions Club
Teachers' Room Furniture	"Class of 1955"
Band Uniforms	Birch Run Civic Affairs Club

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Showing Past and Probable Future Growth

Total enrollment for all public schools in Birch Run Twp.

1943-44	384	1953-54	587
1945-46	395	1954-55	639
1950-51	489	1955-56	733

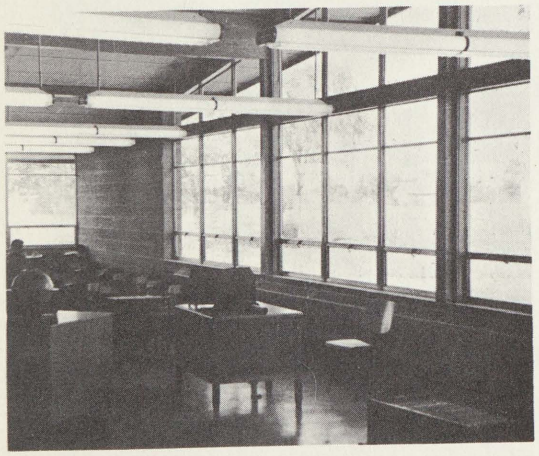
Estimated (1956-57) 797

Estimated (1958-59) 893

Estimated (1960-61) 965

Birch Run Area School
Birch Run, Michigan

Classroom Interior



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Electrical ..... Krown Electric Co.
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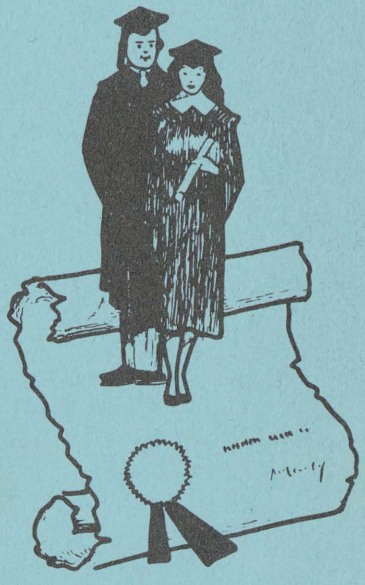
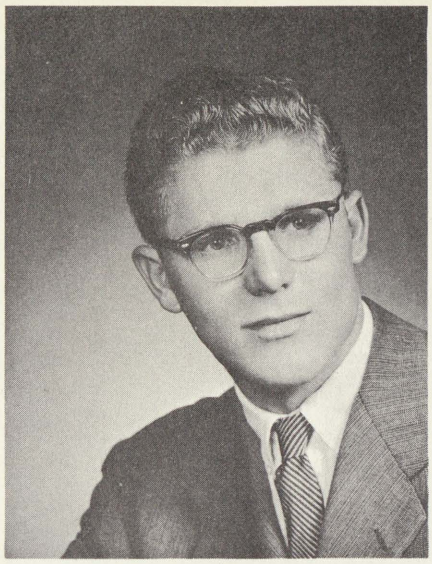


MARY JEAN ACKERMAN
"Mary"
Senior Play - Bookholder
Junior Play - Bookholder
Band-Student Council
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
PANTHER TALES Staff
Librarian - Valedictorian
Miss D.A.R.
Queen's Court
Class Pres. 12 - Treas. 9
Keyboard Klub



ROY CHARLES ANDREWS
"Andy"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Football Baseball
Basketball
Student Council-10,11
Band - Class Pres.-9,10,11
Track - Varsity Club
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
Librarian - Salutatorian
Jack Rottiers Award

NANCY LEE BAMBERG
"Nance"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Glee Club
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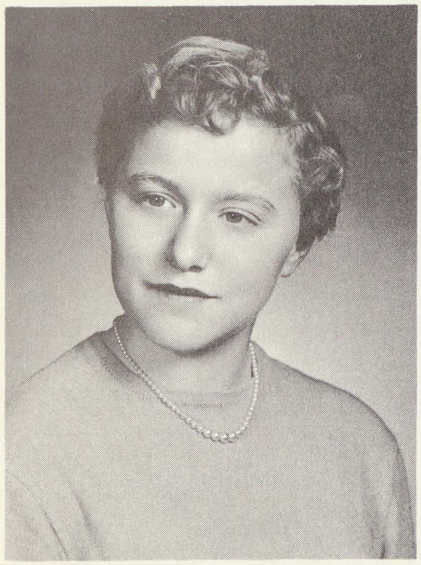
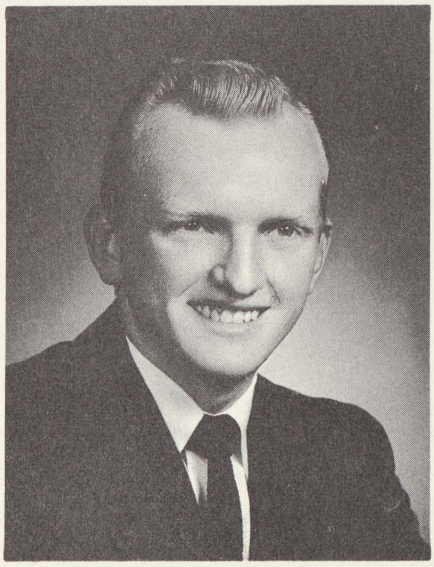
PANTHER TALES Staff
Librarian



JEANNE LOIS BELILL
"Jeannie"
Senior Play - Makeup
Junior Play Majorette
Senior Band
Glee Club
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
Librarian
Tentet Sextet
Triple Trio
Clarinet Quartet
Keyboard Klub



ROBERT ANTON BENES
"Bob"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Football - Captain
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Senior Band
Librarian
Student Council - Pres. 12
Varsity Club - Pres.

BEVERLY JEAN BOWNS
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Senior Play - Dresser

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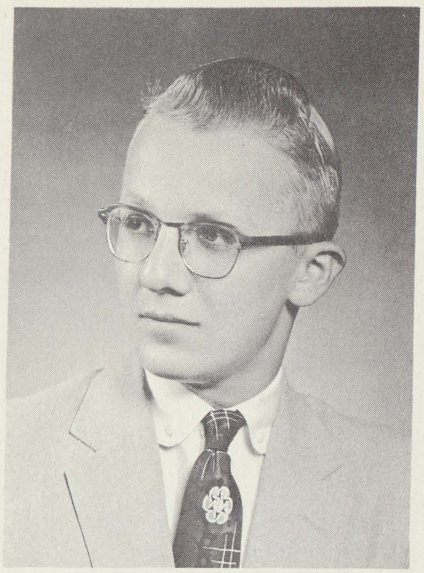
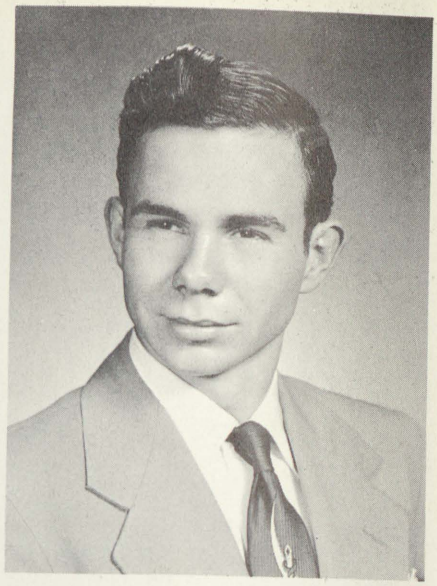


DONALD GENE DAENZER
"Donnie"
Senior Play
Basketball
Baseball
Senior Band
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
Pingpong Dbl's Champ.
Pingpong Sing.-Sec. Place
Magazine Sales Award

MARY BELL DEWEY
"Amy"
Senior Play
Glee Club Secretary
Keyboard Club



KENNETH JOHN DUBY
"Ken"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Football
Baseball
Magazine Award Prize
Varsity Club

IRENE JULIE DUDEK
"Rene"
Senior Play-Prop Girl
Glee Club

SANDRA SUZANNE DUNNING
"Dud"
Junior Play-Stage Manager
Senior Band
Glee Club
PANTHER TALES Staff
Homecoming Queen
Vice Pres. 11
Student Council 11
Keyboard Klub
Magazine Sales Award

JUDITH ROSE DURANSEAU
"Judy"
Glee Club
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PEGGY JANE EAGAN
"Peg"
Senior Play
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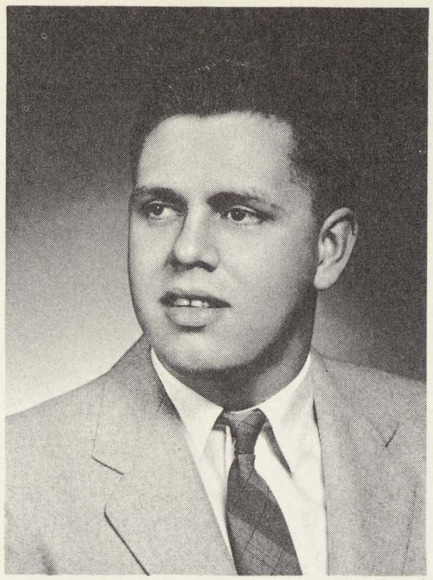
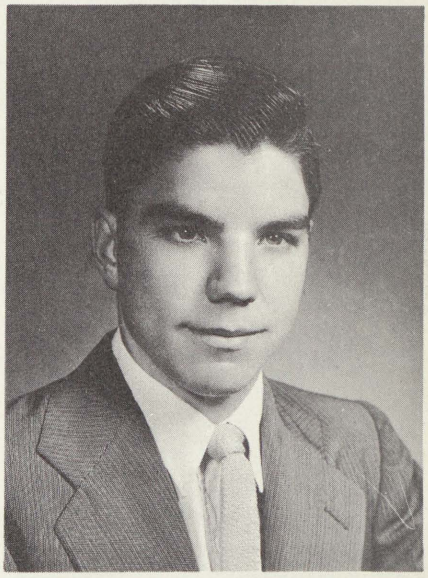


ROBERT LEROY GARFIELD
"Bob"
Junior Play
Football
Basketball Track
Varsity Club Baseball
Senior Play-Tickets

SHIRLEY MAE GAUNT
"Shirl"
Senior Play-Dresser
Junior Play-Manager

SHIRLEY ANN GREENE
"Gabby"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Glee Club
PANTHER TALES Staff
Librarian
Queen's Court
Keyboard Klub
Sextet
Soloist

RUTH ANN HAUCK
"Fan"
Senior Play Cheerleader
Junior Play
Band Keyboard Klub
Glee Club Sextet
PANTHER TALES Staff
Librarian Treas. 10,12
Queen's Court
Majorette
Student Council 10



ROBERT HICKMOTT
"Hicky"
Senior Play-Stage Hand
Junior Play-Stage Hand
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Keyboard Klub
Sextet Quartet
Queen's Court

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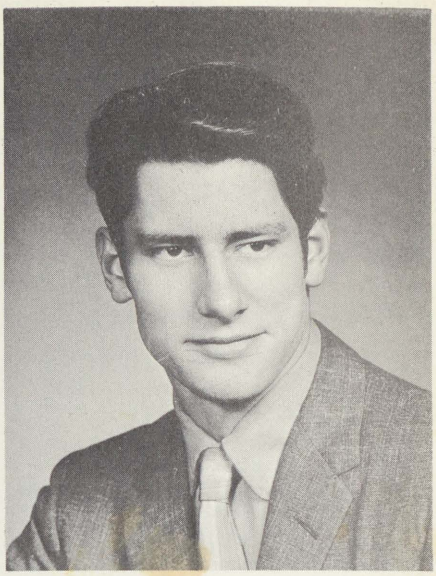

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"Muscles"
Football
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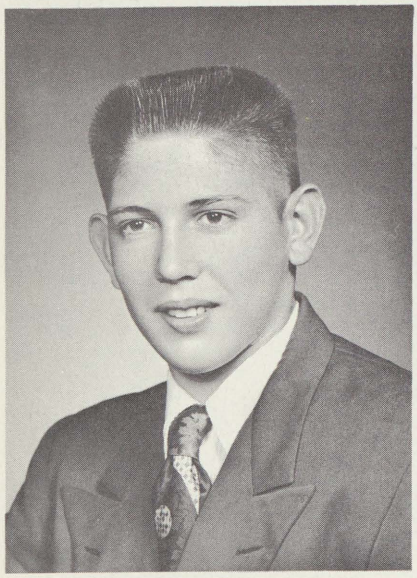

HERMAN OTTO MATZKE
"Hoiman"
Football
Baseball

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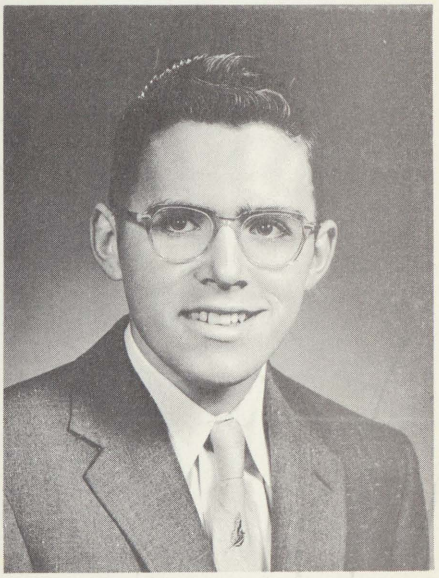

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"Tom"
Senior Play-Stage
Band (Senior)
GOLDEN TORCH Staff

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Senior Play Junior Play
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Senior Band
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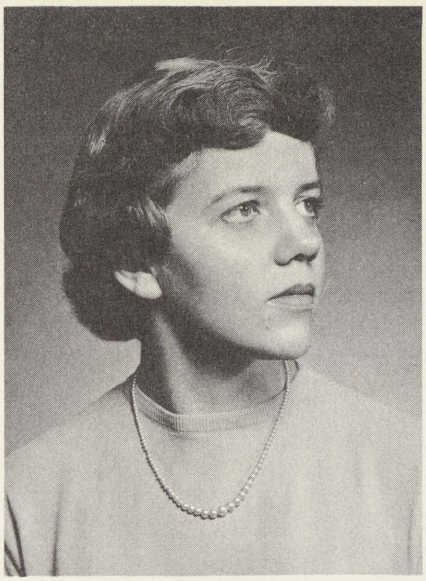
Glee Club Sextet Tentet



JOYCE ANN PAPINEAU
"Pug"
Senior Play Junior Play
Band (Senior) Glee Club
PANTHER TALES Staff
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PingPong Dbl's Champion
Singles Runner-up
Vice Pres. 10 - Treas. 11
Student Council 10, 11
Keyboard Klub
Maiorette

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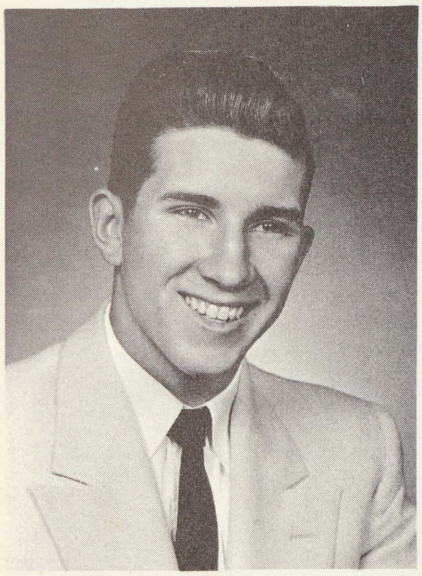

MAX FRANCIS POLZIN
"Max"
Senior Play Junior Play
Football Basketball
Baseball-Manager
Magazine Salesman Award
Vice President 9, 12
Varsity Club - Secretary

JEAN MARION PRICE
"Pricie"
Junior Play
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
PANTHER TALES-Editor
Librarian

URSULA WANDA RANDICK
"Urs"
Senior Play-Properties
Junior Play
Glee Club
GOLDEN TORCH Staff
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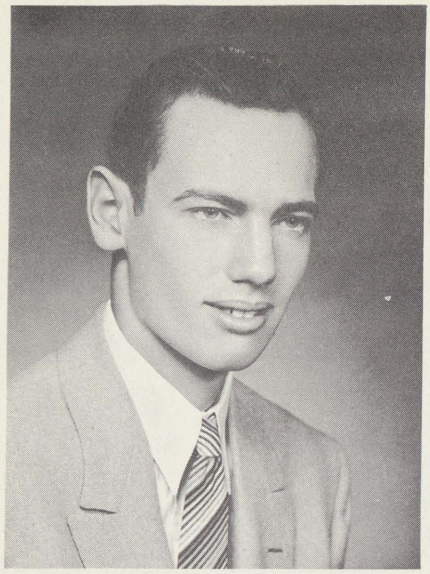
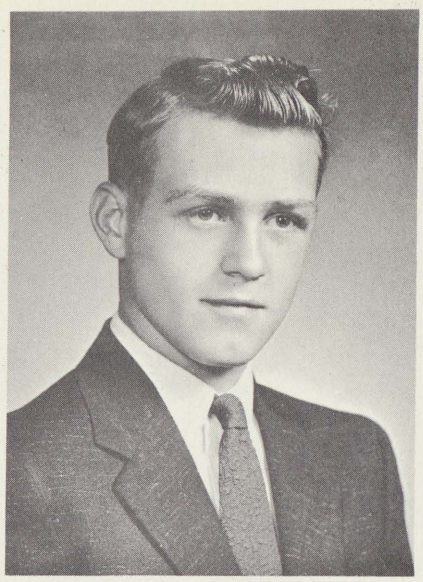
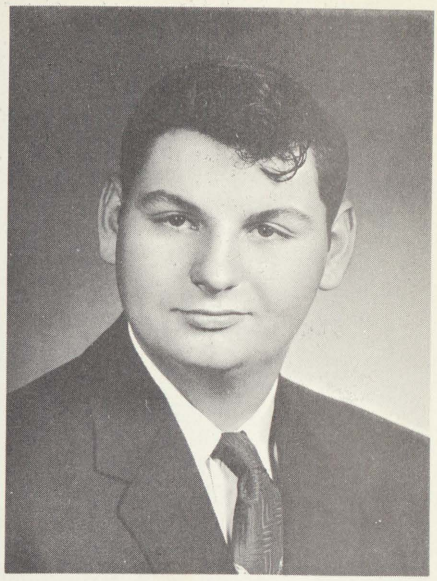


EDWIN ELROY REID, JR.
"Eddie"
Senior Play-Ass't Stage Mgr.
Junior Play-Properties
Basketball
Track
Varsity Club



GERALD CLARK SEDER
"Jerry"
Senior Play
Junior Play
Football
Basketball
Magazine Award Prize
Varsity Club



CLAUDE ALLEN TANNER
"Claudia"
Senior Play-Stage Manager
Senior Play Track
Football Baseball
Basketball
Varsity Club

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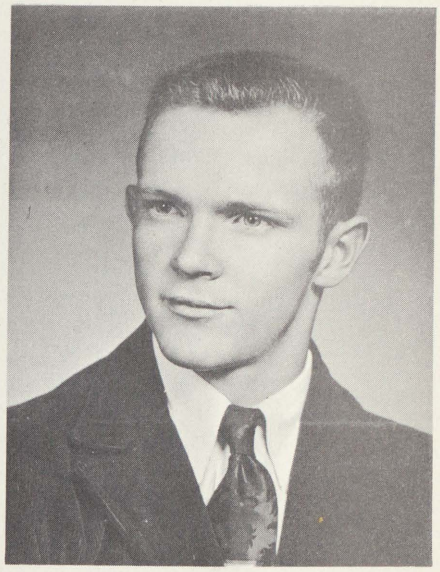
"Trinky"
Junior Play
Glee Club

BARBARA ANN WILDER
"Barber"



DALE ANDREW WOOLWORTH
"Steinie"
Senior Play
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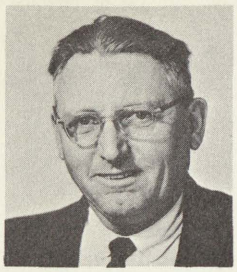

SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS

A. W. Thorp H. M. Layman

Hard working Class Officers Max, Ruth, Nellie, and Mary looking for funds to finance that Senior Trip.

"Ah love is so sweet in the springtime." At least that's what Victor Herbert wrote - what do you say, Dud?

Oh, What a beautiful da(me)

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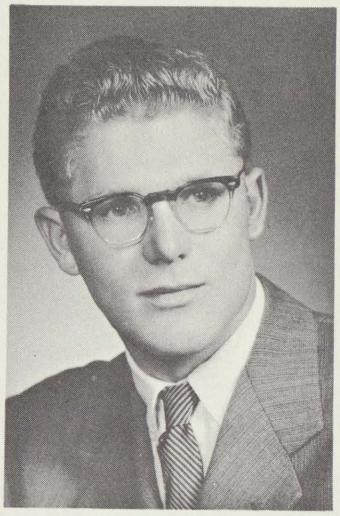

VALEDICTORIAN
Mary Ackerman

SALUTATORIAN
Roy Andrews

Mary Ackerman and Roy Andrews earned valedictorian and salutatorian honors at Birch Run Area High School this year.

Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Ackerman, 11350 Dixie Hwy., led her class with a 3.580 average.

Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Andrews, 12120 Church St., was a close second with a 3.500 average.

Mary has been a member of the Band, Glee Club, Keyboard Klub, and Clarinet Quartette. She was President of the Senior class and Treasurer of the Freshman class and a member of the Student Council. She was a member of the school annual and newspaper staff, a librarian, a member of the Homecoming Queen's Court and a representative of her class at Senior Government Day. She assisted in the production of the Junior and Senior Class plays and was chosen Miss DAR by her classmates last Fall.

Roy's high school career was marked by participation in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He had parts in the Junior and Senior plays, was a member of the band, the school newspaper staff, the Varsity Club, and a librarian. He was chosen president of his class for three years and was on the Student Council. His outstanding achievement was winning the Jack Rottiers Memorial Award, given each year for exceptional citizenship and athletic achievement.

Other pupils who ranked high scholastically are: Jean Price 3.285, Judith Duranseau 3.215, Robert Benes 3.178, Barbara Wilder 3.107, Geraldine Lerette 3.076, and Ruth Ann Hauck 3.000.

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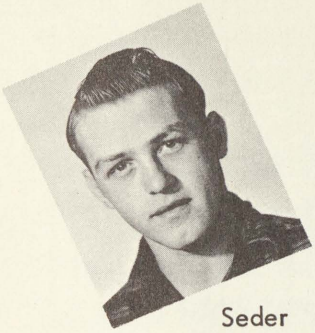

Seder

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WHO'S WHO

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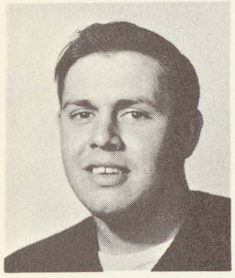
The Class of 1956



Garfield

Most Likely to Succeed ..... Mary Ackerman

Handsomest Boy ..... Gerald Seder

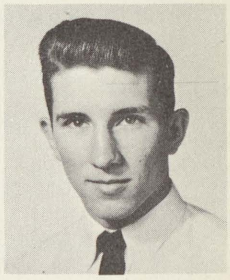
Prettiest Girl ..... Ruth Hauck

Most Popular Boy ..... Max Polzin

Most Popular Girl ..... Sandra Dunning

Best Dressed Girl ..... Nancy Bamberg

Best Athlete ..... Robert Garfield



Polzin

Bamberg

Dunning

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Class Will

Mary Jean Ackerman wants to leave her valedictorianship to Joe Kenny and Art Matzke.

Roy Andrews bequeaths his curly hair and cuddly looks to Hugh Cuthbertson. We know that Hugh will make the best of them.

Nancy Bamberg bequeaths to Pat Buckly her ponytail.

Jean Belill bequeaths her attractive "short-short" hair AND dreamy shampoo to Edna Richey.

Bob Benes wills the motor of his car to Tim Morse for his little old blue car, and he won't mind if Fred Gagliardi uses it.

Beverly Bowns gives her intended happy married life to Bonnie Tobias; Bonnie, of course, will certainly make the best of it!

Donald Daenzer wills all his extra typing lessons to Raphael Cassiday. Limber those fingers Raphael!

Mary Bell Dewey leaves to Carol Janni her delightful gift of gab.

Ken Duby gratefully wills his real cool hot rod to Beverly Harris and Sharon Courtney.

Irene Dudek wills her black hair to Lloyd Woolworth!!

Sandra Dunning wills her queenship to George Tanner.

Judy Duranseau leaves her long dark hair to Dorothy Magnus, provided that Dorothy promises not to "bleach" it.

Peggy Eagan leaves her WELL used typing eraser to Nancy Huckins; make good use ot it, Nancy.

Bob Garfield wills his unexcused absenses, his trim figure, and his fondness of Mrs. Irish's study hall to Eddie Beach.

Shirley Gaunt bequeaths her quietness in 8th period typing practice to Tony Miller.

To that bashful Robert Andrews, petite Shirley Greene Wills her great love and talent for dancing; also, her ability to type letters.

Ruth Ann Hauck wills all of her well used passes from classes to Janet Zissler.

Bob Hickmott wills his ability to bring pretty blondes to school dances to Don Reed.

Becky Kaufman gives Don to Alvin Loomis; she wouldn't trust Don with a girl.

Gerry Lerette wills her liking to wear jeans to school to Kathleen Cook and Ruth Ann Patterson.

Dale Martin leaves his ever-growing beard to Lyle Pickleman, if Lyle will promise not to hamper its growth.

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CLASS WILL CON'T.

Herman Matzke wills his outstanding ability in Trigonometry to Joe Price. Study hard, Joe!

Nellie McKinney wills her "diet" to Jean Haubenstricker, provided that Jean will take advantage of it.

Tom McNamara leaves his good behavior to Gilbert Berg.

To poor mixed up Jo Prell, Donna Nass leaves her ever-lasting patience.

Wanda Newvine wills her keen tact to get dates to Gloria Arnold and Betty Percy.

Joyce Papineau bequeaths her one and only devastating Dutch to lovable Laura Hatahway.

Lois Papineau wills her "one-man-only" policy to Louise Altman and Sharon McCullock.

Max Polzin leaves his happy disposition to Jim Morse.

Jean Price bequeaths her sense of humor to Jim Buell and Barbara Wendzik.

Ursula Randick bestows her successfulness and liking of typing upon Duane Coppoc and Delores Wright.

Ed Reid leaves to Helen Courtney his superb driving techniques.

Jerry Seder wills his shrewdness to chew gum in Mrs. Irish's study hall to Ruth Ann Patterson. Of course, Ruth Ann doesn't chew gum in school!

Claude Tanner wills to Robert Remender his special talent to get along with Janet Trinklein.

Doris Trinklein wishes to leave her "stay-at-homeness" to Rosemary Shifter.

Barbara Wilder bequeaths her artistic abilities to Kay Wenn and Delores Burgess.

Dale Woolworth wills his ability to get along with girls to Fred Reuther.

Seniors Seniors Seniors Seniors

Senior

TRIP TO CHICAGO MAY 10-14, 1956.

Thirty four members of the class of 1956 saw this skyline scene from the steps of the Aquarium - they saw other scenes too - night clubs - hotels - theaters - shops - and many others. And there were probably a few scenes in hotel rooms that sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Thorp didn't see that were interesting too!

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Class Prophecy

As we look in the future what do we see
Mary Jean Ackerman is as strict as can be,
Not only the kids at school does she teach
But Kenny and her own all hear the same speech.

Roy now is a farmer, this we can see
He lives in the country, can this possibly be?
He works like a dog on his run down shack
Shirley's left for Missouri, but she's soon coming back.

Standing at the air terminal surrounded by men
We see Nancy Bamberg has done it again,
An old maid she said she was destined to be
But we find Nancy sitting on every co-pilot's knee.

Jean never went out with any Tom, Dick or Harry
But she looked around good and finally found Jerry,
Now they are married and live on the farm
Jean still hauls garbage but has retained all her charm.

Bob Benes a youth who was college bound
Cool and smart with no ups and downs,
Now sits by the fire at early dawn
Reciting many fables of little fawns.

In a little white cottage not far away
We find our poor Beverly happy and gay,
She works like a dog to keep Norm happy every day
She's married to him now, and that's how she's paid.

Now we look in the future and see our great poet
Sonnet, song, and ode, wouldn't you know it,
Don Daenzer has turned out to be another Shakespeare
His long hair poems we never cease to hear.

Mary Bell's a spinster, no man has been found
It seems that the minister is still looking around town,
Now she's found a man all of her choosing
And now she's sure she won't be losing.

Deep in the woods in a little brown hut
You could find Ken and Mary, and a thoroughbred mutt,
Ken's a great sportsman, hunts fowl and game
When he misses a rabbit, the dog gets the blame.

Irene and Dick have now settled down
In a little frame house on the outskirts of town,
Dick works very hard all day on the job
And at night comes home to the eight little Traubs.

Bob and Sandra are married, a perfect two
Each of them always has plenty to do,
Bob works in the shop and Sandra at home
They each have Chevies, both littered with chrome.

As we look into our crystal ball
We see Judy Duranseau leading us all,
Instead of traveling, as she had planned
She is making her living, directing a band.

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Class Prophecy Con't.

Oh! The life of Riley Peggy Eagan leads
She's got no worries, got no needs,
She's got lots of mulla, got lots of men
There are no places she hasn't been.

Bob and Lois are finally married
Too long, said Bob, had they already tarried,
Garf bought out Hermies, that now is their home
But though Bob enjoys it, you should hear Lois moan.

We see that Shirley Gaunt roams no more
She's the new disc jockey for Pace Music store,
She spins Davey Crockett day after day
For such a hard job she receives little pay!

As she sets her feet tapping althrough the day
We see Shirley Greene has the lead in a play,
At night she is tired and weary, but not for long
For she is waiting for Roy to sing "their" song.

Look in the future and here is a start
We see Ruth and Glenn never did part,
She still writes those letters, one every night
And hopes with Glenn her future will be bright.

We see Bob in Texas, a sergeant is he
He chose his career in the grand old Army,
He shouldn't be a sergeant, but some say he ought'er
It seems Hicky married the general's daughter.

Over the horizon from far and wide
Comes Becky Kaufman with great pride,
Quick and slick in the Britton car
Wealth which starts the day with no mar.

I now see a house in the country near
And gosh all the noise, are those children I hear?
Gerry has a family of nice girls and boys
But as before, they still make too much noise.

Each Thursday night be sure to tune in
And see Dale Martin who is a real champion,
He won the heavyweight title just a year ago
As he knocked out his opponent with one hard-felt blow.

Up every morning at the crack of dawn
Herman Matzke is just crossing his lawn,
He plows the fields day after day
Combines the wheat and harvests the hay.

Get out your tux men, and ladies your gowns
We're stepping out for a fling around town,
We'll stop to hear Nellie Lou tooting her flute
In the philharmonic symphony she is so young and so cute.

Tom McNamara now lives in Washington, D. C.
He's a politician, as good as can be,
Tom's gained in weight, has gotten quite stout
But he can't "Run" for election, cause he'll get tired out.

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Donna Nass we find has a family so fair
Ten little Indians, all with brown hair,
From morning till night she hears the war whoops
While her husband is away testing Chevy coupes.

Wanda and Timothy are now on the farm
It seems that he finally fell for her charm,
Wanda's up early while Tim's still in bed
She earns all the living, at least that's what's said.

Here in the crystal ball we see a great riding stable
And Joyce Papineau in a beautiful mink sable,
She lives in a brick mansion way up on a hill
She thrives like a queen while Dutch foots the bill.

Fifteen years hence we see Lois Papineau
Up in the North Woods wearing a red wool mackinaw,
The Garfield clan has grown quite large
When they take a boat trip, they now use a barge.

There he stands so big and tall
Max Polzin in the veterinarian stall,
Tending to the mules, the cows, and the sheep
Unfortunately, they'll soon be lying in a heap.

Jean Price we notice has her degree
In nursing she's known as Simon Legree,
She carries a torch for men patients we hear
But with all women she makes things rather clear.

Five miles east and a half mile south
Ursula and Wally are still keeping house,
Ursula is busy from morning till night
Sweeping and dusting to keep things bright.

We find that our boy Ed has what it takes
And one of the country's finest soldiers he makes,
See him there on the battlefield now
Ed remarks, "This beats pushing a plow."

Oh, Jerry we see is a hard working man
He's trying to save all the money he can,
Already he's planning to buy a new car
He's going to Burt, will he get very far?

Claude Tanner is very prosperous on his new farm
He has a house, grainery, milk house, and barn,
He works all day and half the night
Trying to keep his farm managed right.

Down below the border in a little white house
We see Doris Trinklein and her happy spouse,
Dale keeps her busy doing all the chores
It seems he won't stir himself to go outdoors.

Down in Kentucky on a very large ranch
Barbara Wilder teaches her horses to dance,
Her horses have performed all over the country
And have made Barbara as proud as proud she can be.

Dale Woolworth has turned to wrestling as a profession
He represented the United States at the last Olympic session,
He fought against the Russians, the Poles and the Swedes
And received various medals for his heroic deeds.

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Jean Hughes ..... Rebekah Kaufman
Mildred Hughes ..... Shirley Greene
Amy Hughes ..... Mary Bell Dewey
Mrs. Hughes ..... Nellie Lou McKinney
Mrs. Coates ..... Peggy Eagan
Sally Frazier ..... Joyce Papineau
Dottie Kixmiller ..... Wanda Newvine
Maryrosalee Vogelhut ..... Nancy Bamberg
Hope Shuttleworth ..... Lois Papineau
Teddy Hughes ..... Gerald Seder
Tommy King ..... Dale Woolworth
Mike Tisdale ..... Max Polzin
Charles Collier ..... Roy Andrews
Walter Lipscomb ..... Robert Benes
Snazzy Mitchell ..... Donald Daenzer
Mr. Hughes ..... Kenneth J. Duby
Ruth Coates ..... Ruth Ann Hauck
Bookholder: Mary Jean Ackerman
Director: Mr. Joseph Ombry

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

Place: The scene throughout is the living-room of the Hughes' home in Butterfield.
Time: Early spring.
Act I: Evening of a pleasant day in early spring.
Act II: Eight o'clock the following Friday evening. (During Act Two, the Curtain is lowered for a minute to denote the passing of about three hours.)
Act III: The following morning.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Stage Manager & Ass't. Director ..... Claude Tanner
Set Construction ..... Mr. George Benton
Set Design ..... Mrs. Ruth Tomkinson
Assistant Stage Manager ..... Edwin Reid
Stage Crew ..... Robert Hickmott, Thomas McNamara, Robert Garfield
Prop Girls ..... Irene Rodak, Ursula Randick
Dressers ..... Beverly Bowns, Shirley Gaunt

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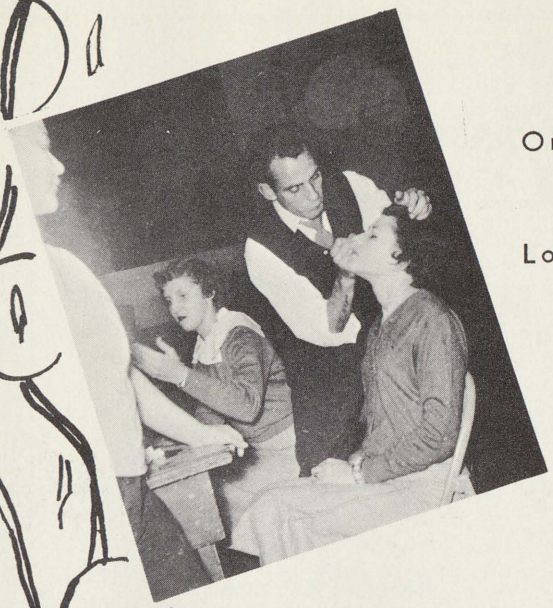

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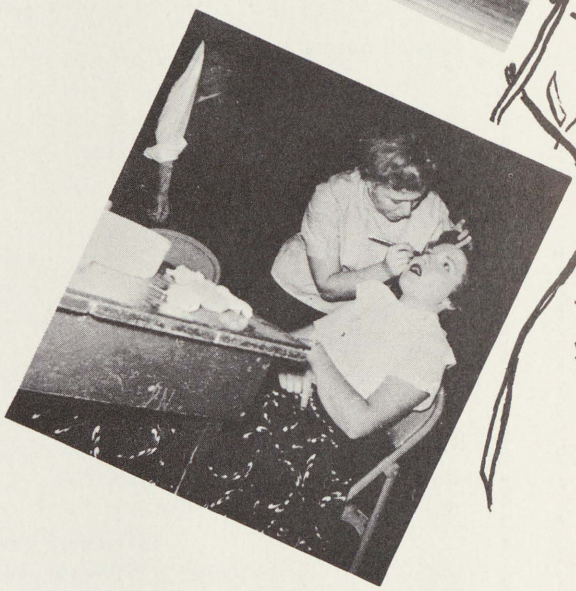

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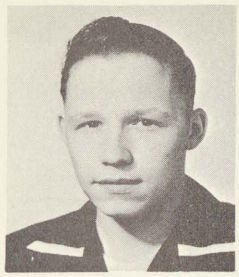

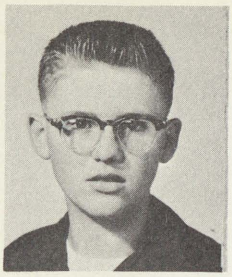

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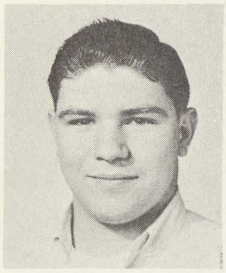
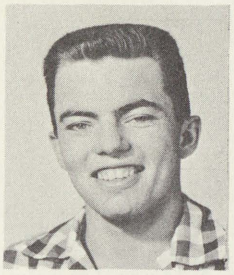
Gloria Arnold

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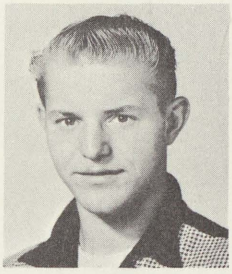
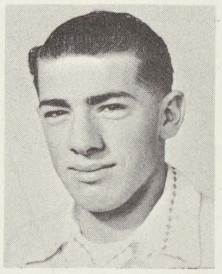

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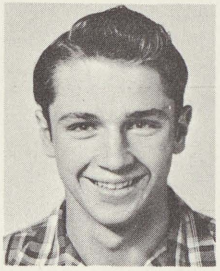

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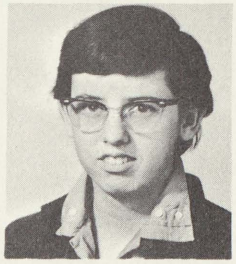

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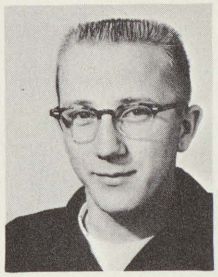

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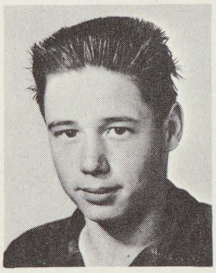

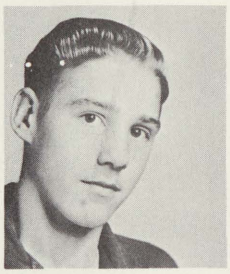

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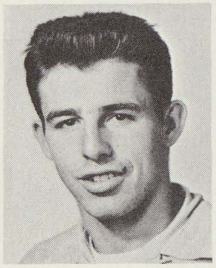

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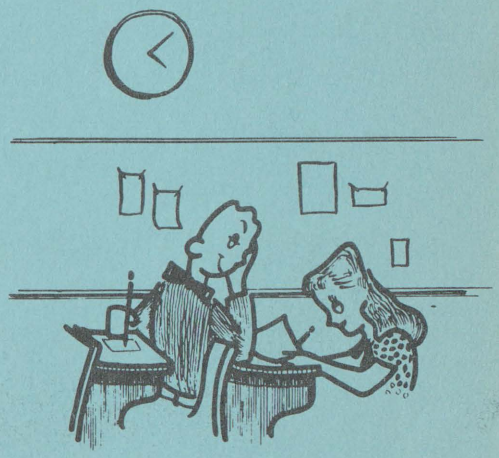

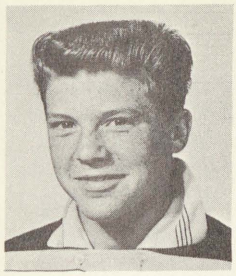

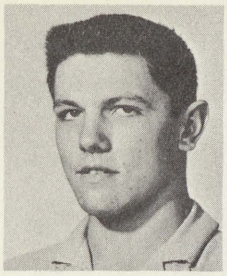
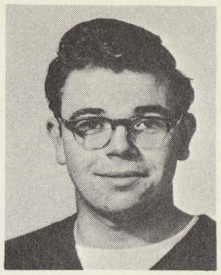

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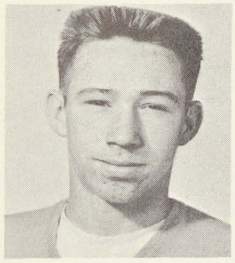
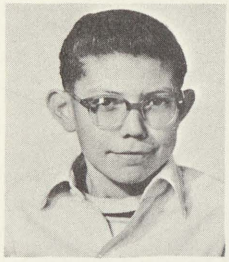

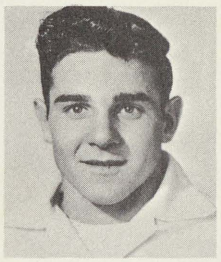

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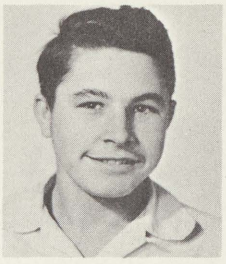

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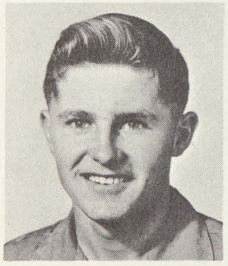

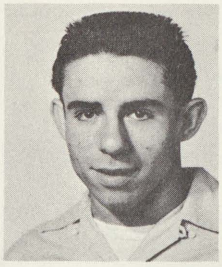

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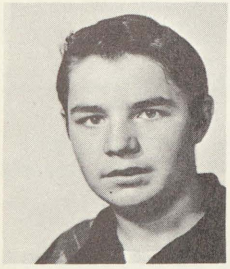

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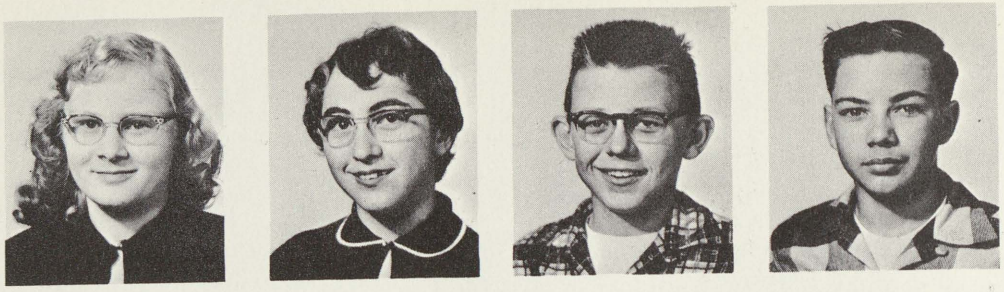

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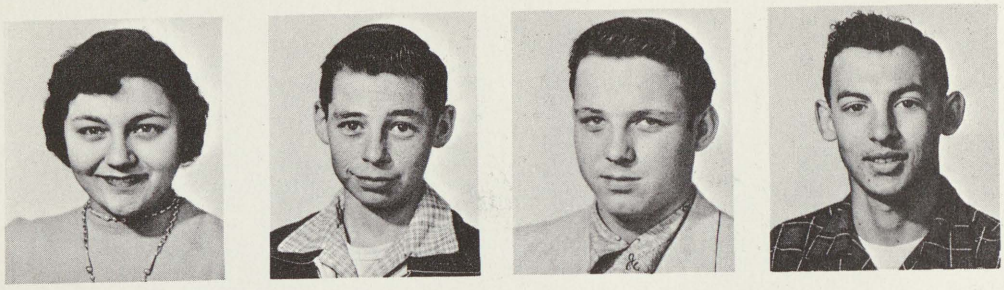

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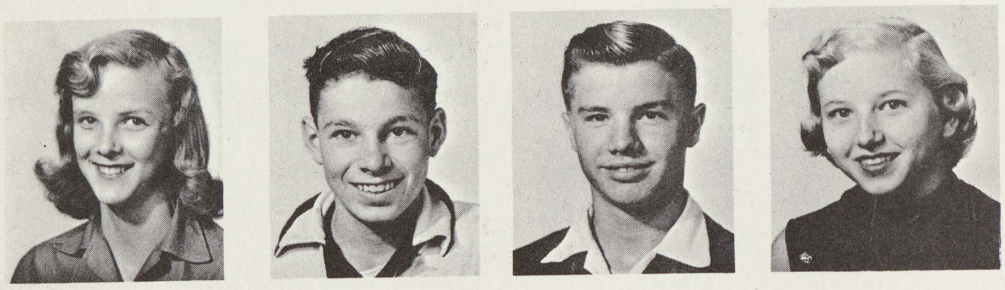

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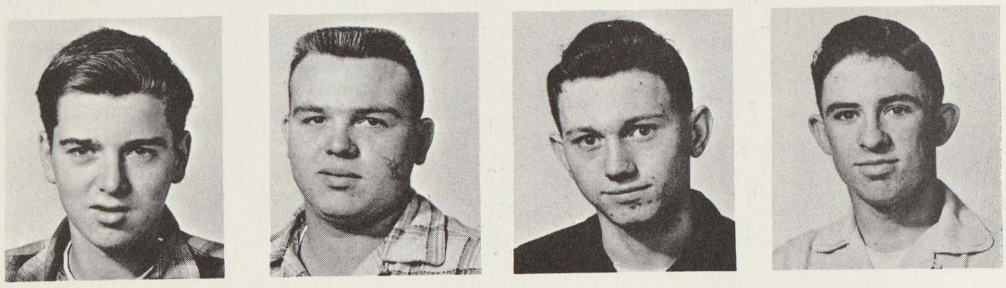

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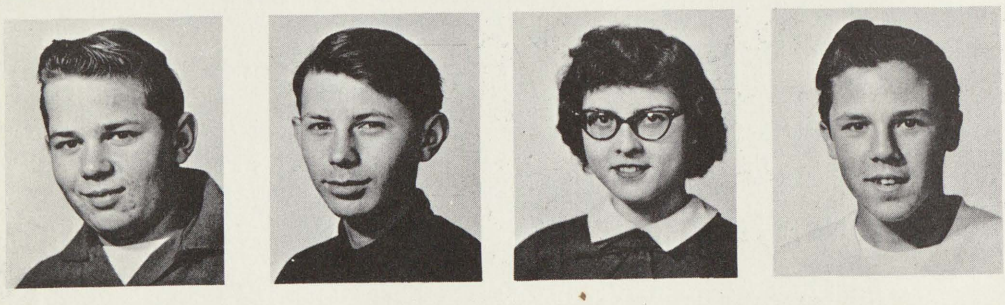

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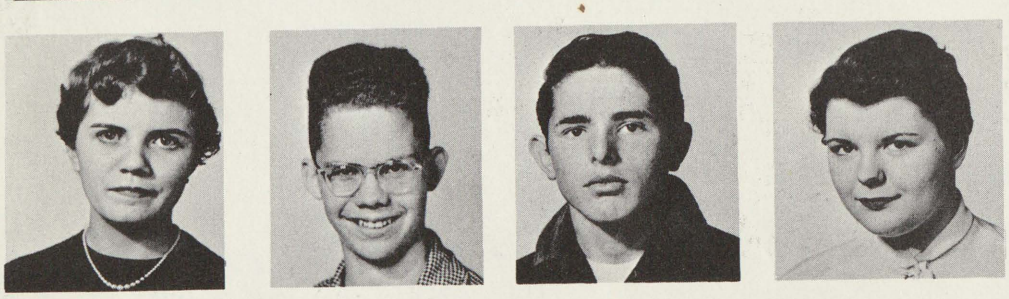

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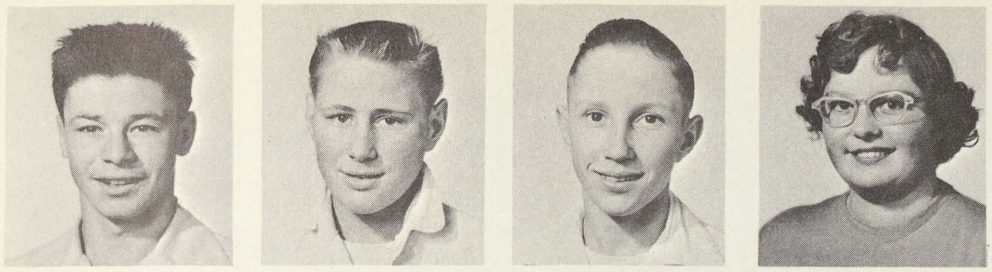

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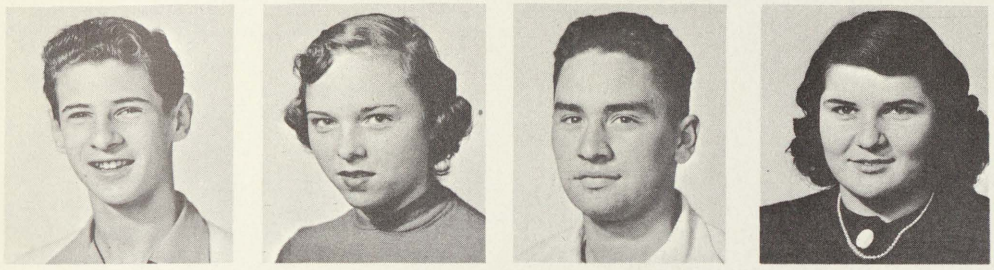

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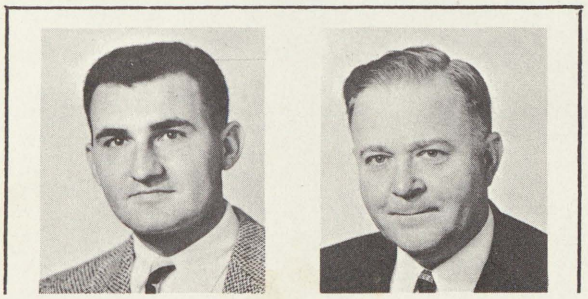

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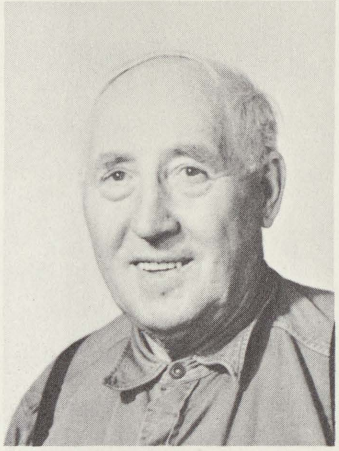

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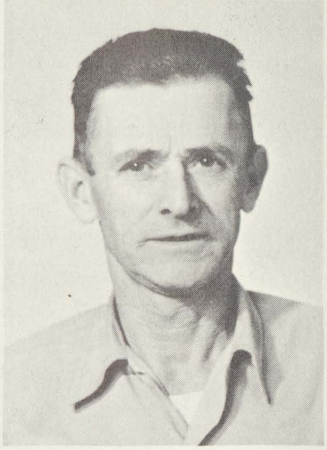

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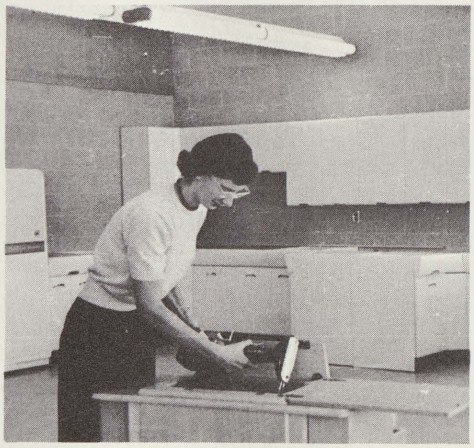

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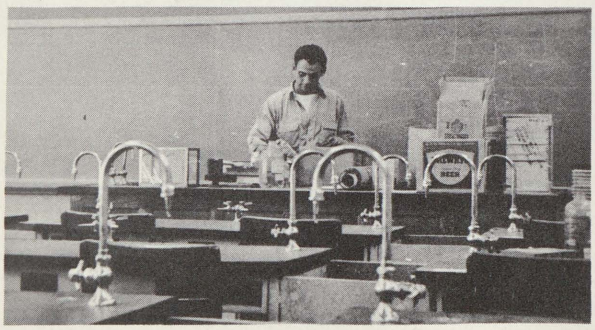

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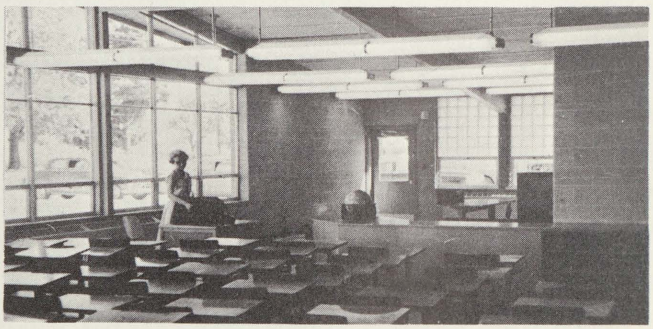

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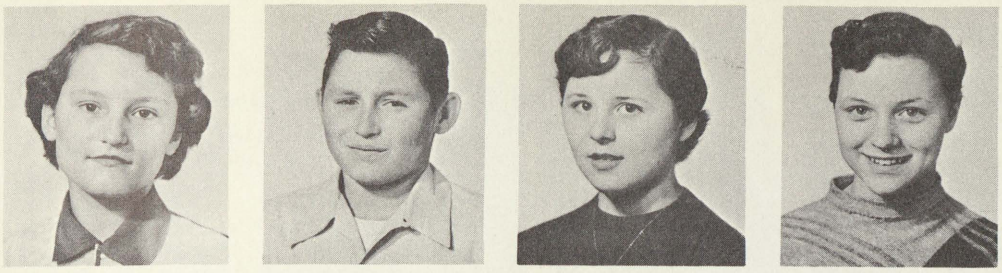

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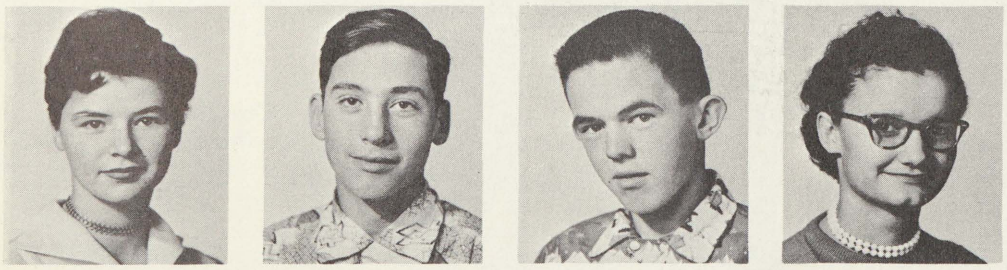

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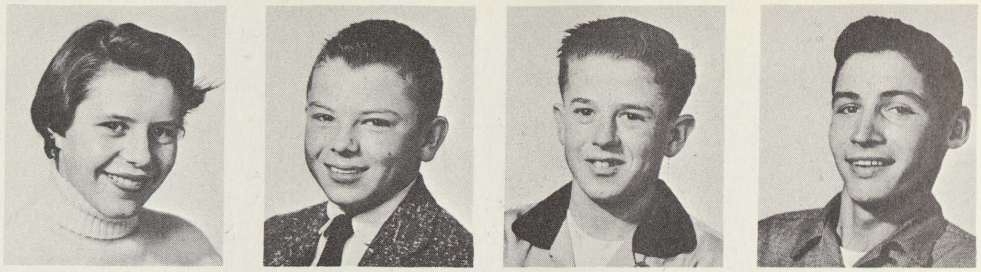

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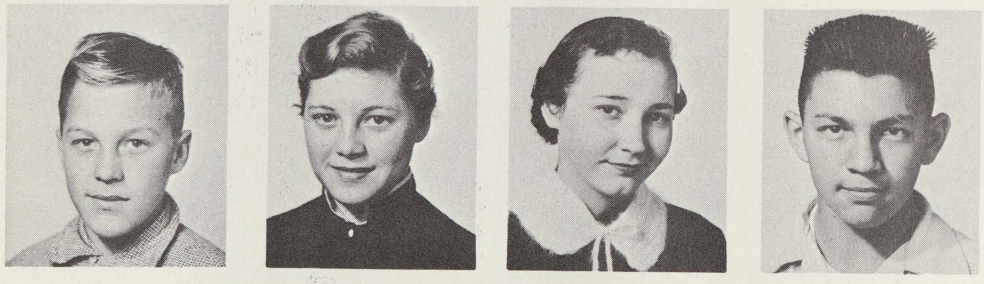

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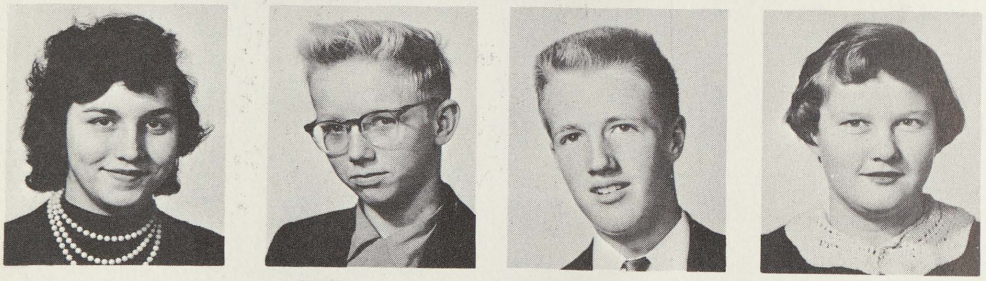

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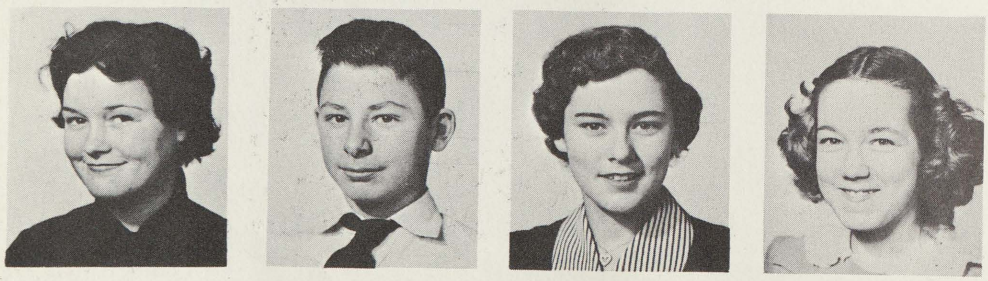

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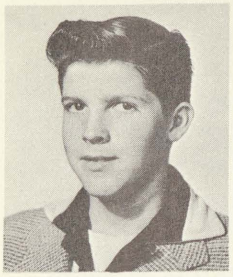
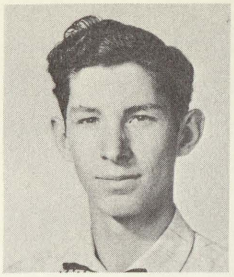

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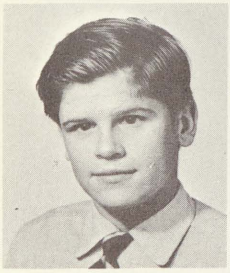

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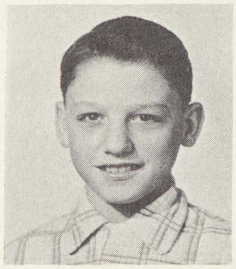

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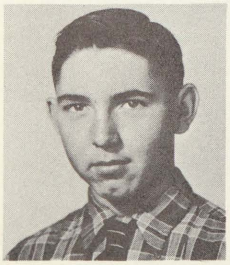

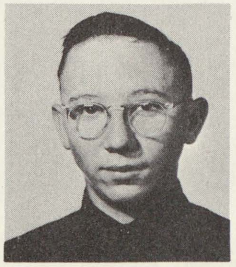

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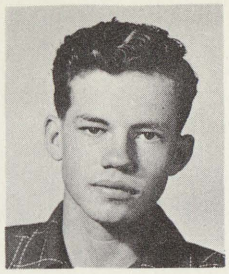
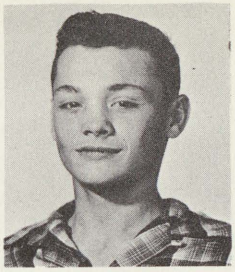
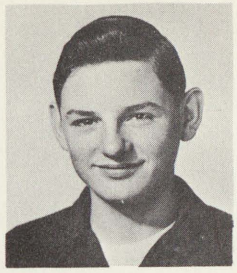

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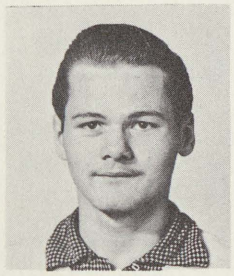
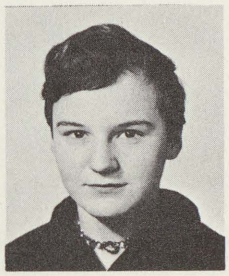
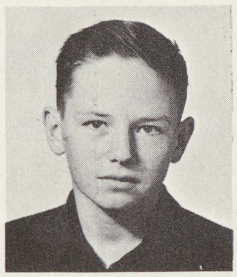
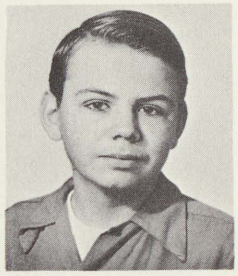

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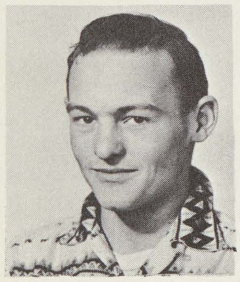

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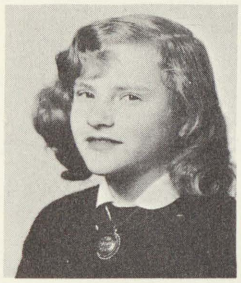

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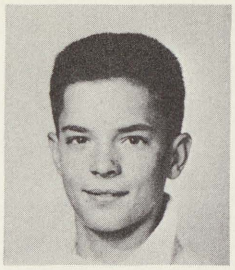
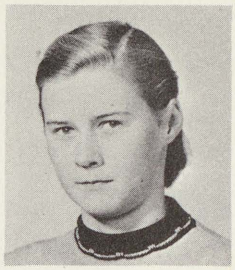

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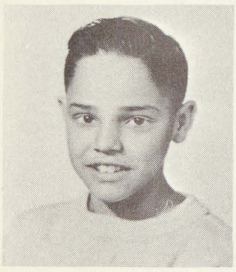

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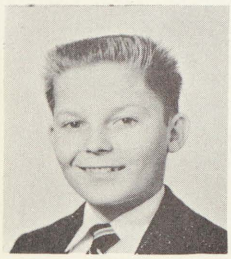

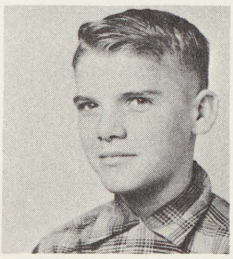
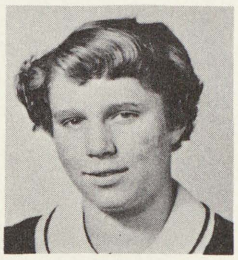

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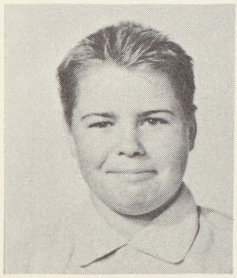

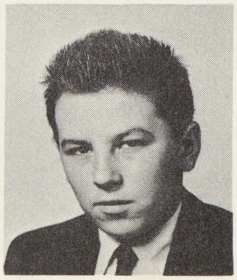

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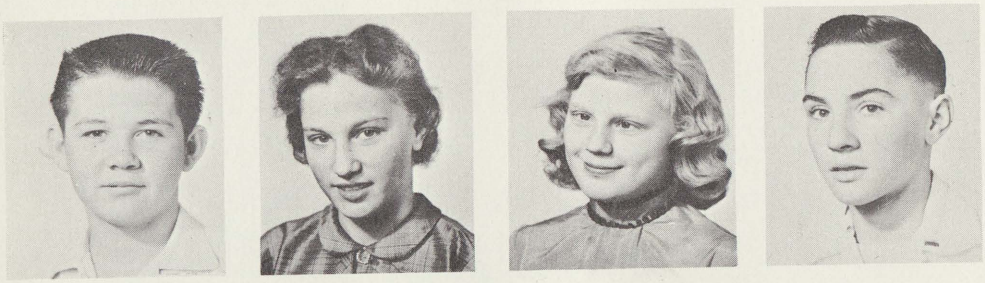

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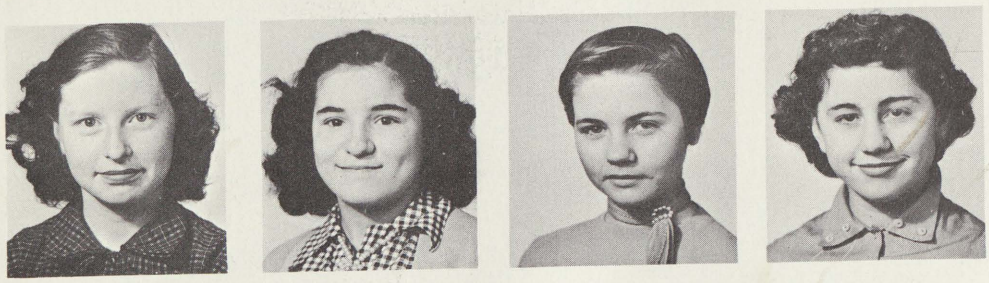

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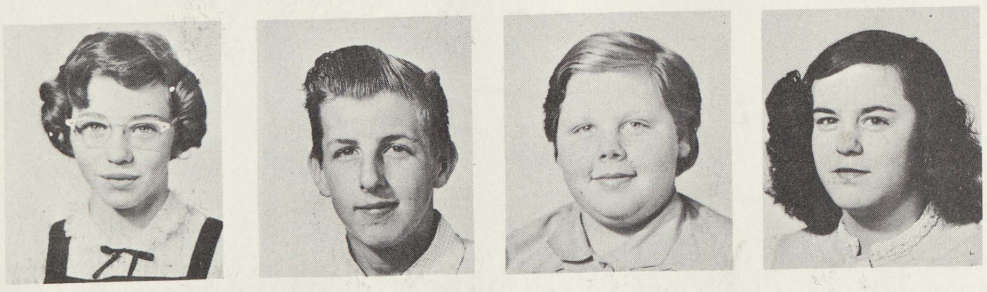

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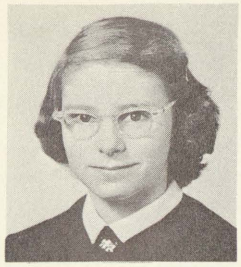
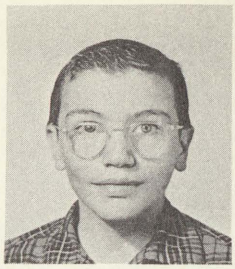

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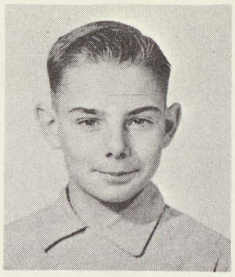

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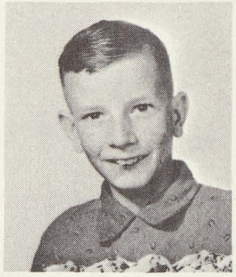

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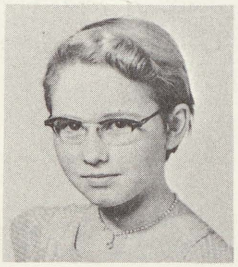

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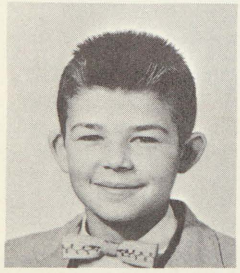
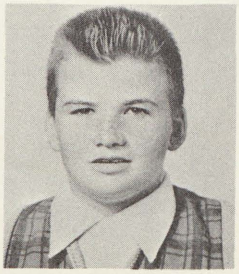
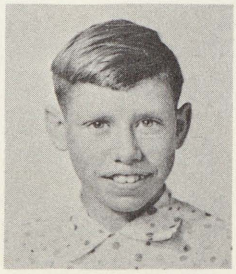

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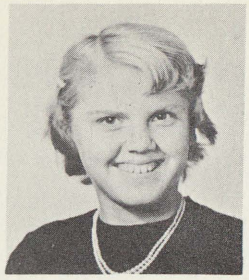

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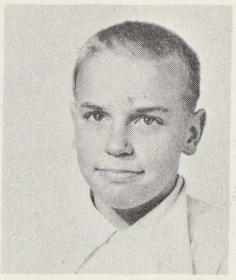
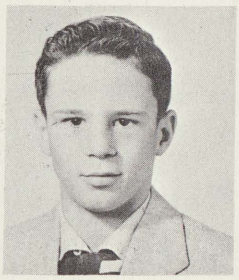

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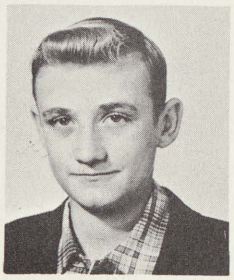

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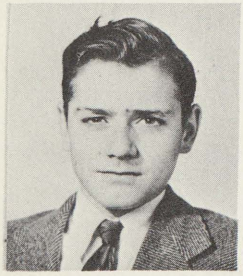

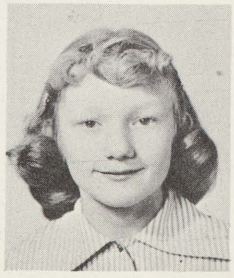

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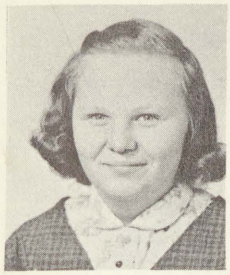
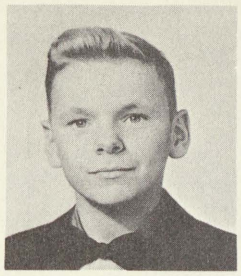
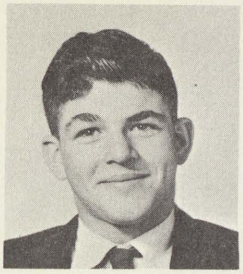

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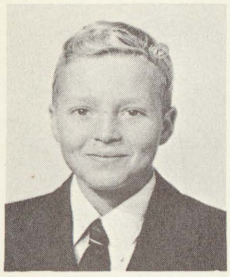

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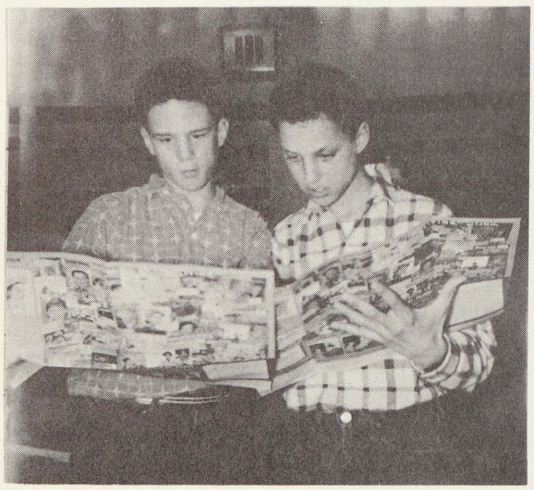

Tommy Keller and Jerry Trinklein planning ways to win the Magazine Sales Contest - Tommy did too!

Judy Grooms and Janet Kvasnica, surprised at their work. And we're surprised they're working!

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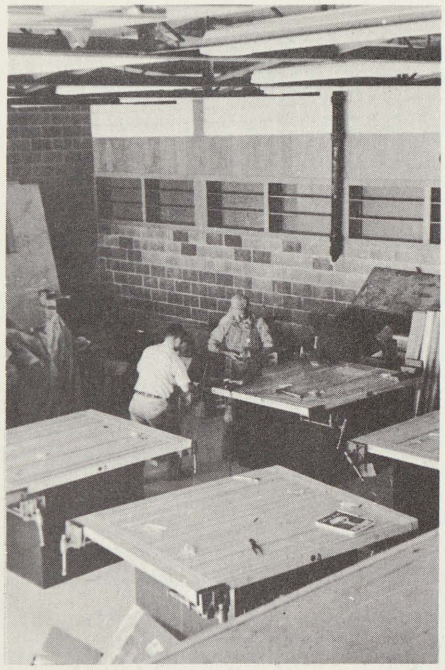
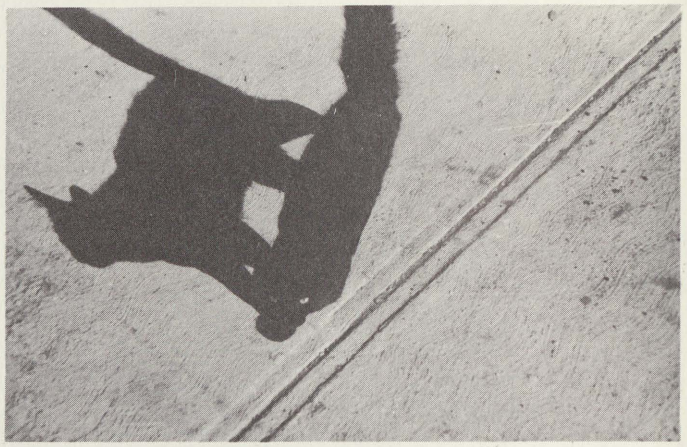
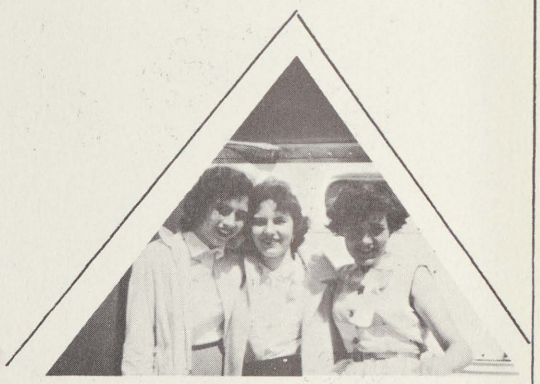
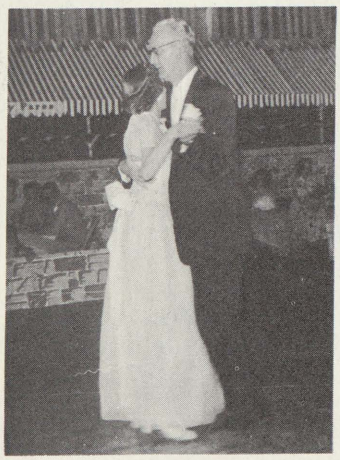
SCENES FROM HERE AND THERE

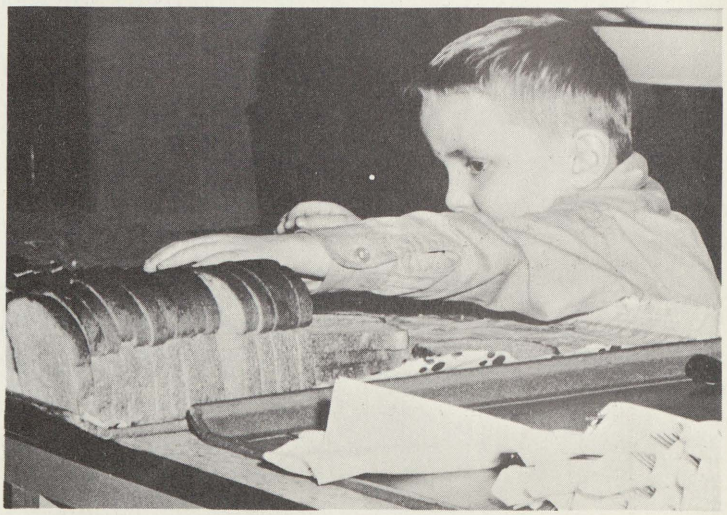
Upper Left - Mr. Benton and Night Janitor Alfred Zissler setting up shop equipment. Upper Right - Blacky the cat came with the building but could not meet entrance requirements. Left Center - Junior High boys playing marbles in homeroom, and the janitors don't like those chalk circles on the floor boys! Center Right - Koester, Cooper, Loney. Lower Left - Mr. and Mrs. Layman at the Prom. Lower Right - Racky must be really hungry!











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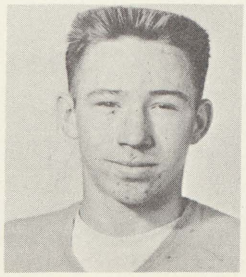

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BOTTOM ROW: R. Kaufman, (Acc.) L. Chapman, S. Janni, B. Sims, M. Palmer, B. Grim, J. Belill, A. Janni, S. Dowdy, M. Ackerman, S. Loney, R. Douglas, Mr. Lidikay, (Dir.)

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BACK ROW: L. to R. R. Shifter, R. Douglas, L. Altman, H. Courtney, R. Huber, E. Blades, Mr. Lidikay, (Dir.) L. Chapman, B. Harris, E. Sproul, U. Scowden, S. Dowdy, P. Buckley.

FRONT ROW: S. Greene, J. Papineau, S. Dunning, B. Kaufman, J. Belill, M. Ackerman, G. Lerette.

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FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
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While-U-Wait
At Schroeder Hardware

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TOP ROW: L. to R. A. Holdorph, M. Thompson, R. Wenn, D. G. Lidikay (Dir.), K. Smith, C. Tryon, W. Thompson.

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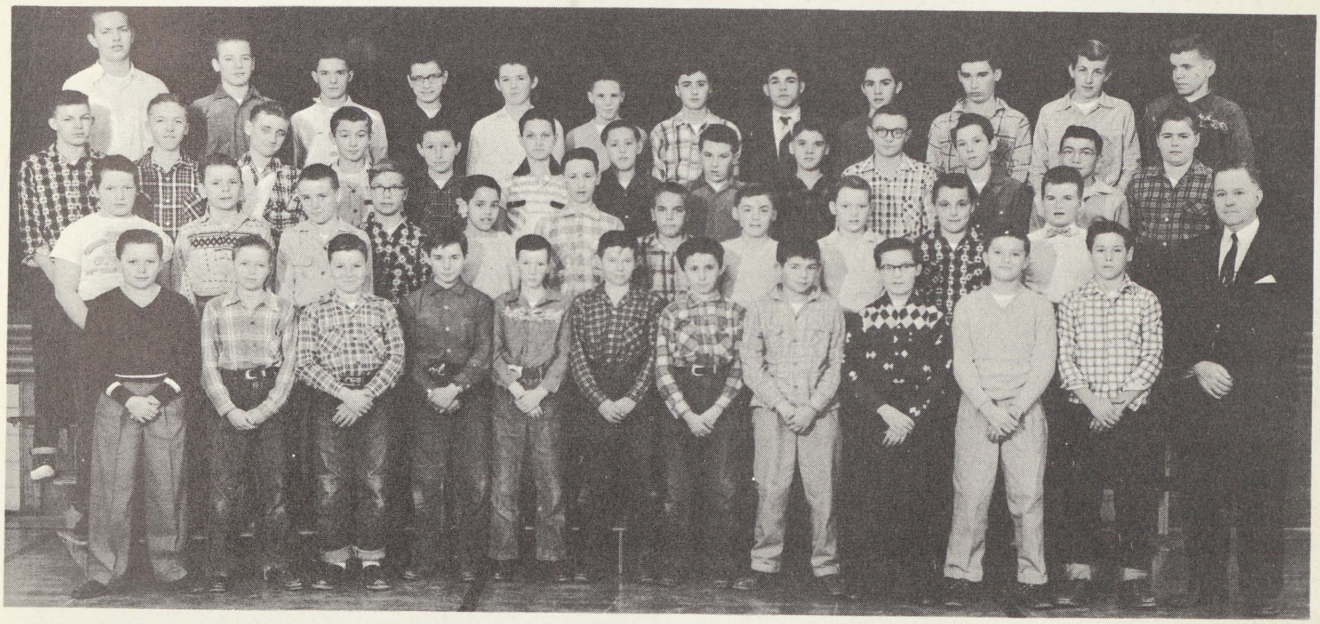
Junior Boys Glee Club



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"GOLDEN" School Newspaper "TORCH"

BACK ROW: L. to R. Roy Andrews, Nellie McKinney, Jean Price, Donald Daenzer, Thomas McNamara, Ursula Randick.

FRONT ROW: Nancy Bamberg, Peggy Eagan, Mary Ackerman, Judith Duranseau, Geraldine Lerette, Mr. Psotka.

Girls Junior High Chorus

TOP ROW: L. to R. S. Kingsley, B. Varney, A. Johnson, D. Johnson, J. Kvasnica, M. Hart, M. Wolfe, S. Zissler, N. Berg, R. Garfield, M. Baum, R. Coppoc, R. Seiferlein, B. Downing, J. Morgan.

SECOND ROW: E. Van Curen, C. Huffman, B. London, S. Cuthbertson, S. Berg, P. Ostrum, N. Hauck, J. Palmer, B. Dolfi, K. Jewel, D. Poyer, T. Taylor, L. Haubenstricker, D. Lerette.

THIRD ROW: S. Dunn, S. Carl, P. Tereau, D. Block, K. Murphy, I. Beach, P. Cooper, L. Stafford, C. Cataline, S. DeCaire, P. Steepe, P. Rowbottom, S. Lewis, M. Jones, D. G. Lidikay (Dir.).

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Senior Band

BIRCH RUN HIGH SCHOOL BAND 1955-56

TOP ROW: L. to R. Dir. D. G. Lidikay, J. Papineau, E. Henry, T. Keller, D. Layman, J. Pagels, J. Keller, V. Smith, R. Hauck, J. Belill.

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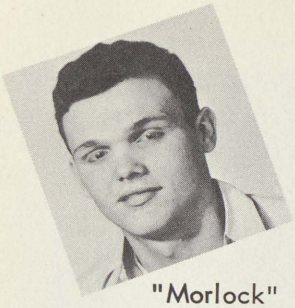
FRONT ROW: R. Schumann, J. Lerette, R. Polzin, R. Hobson, B. Moored, J. Kvasnicia, D. Ellis, R. Douglas, E. Sproul, K. Hauck, L. Hadsall.



"Morlock"

The Junior Class
Birch Run Area School
Presents
"REST ASSURED"
Fri. and Sat. April 27-28, 1956
8:15 P.M.

"Mary"

Cast of Characters

Mr. Morlock ..... George Tanner
Mrs. Morlock ..... Janet Trinklein
Mary ..... Sharon McCulloch
Jessica ..... Sharon Courtney
Mildred ..... Helen Courtney - Jean Haubenstricker
Joe Lanconi ..... Donald Reed
Luigi Lanconi ..... Anthony Miller
Martha ..... Kathleen Cook
Lucifer ..... Joseph Kenny
Miss Akers ..... Gloria Arnold
George Plew ..... Raphael Cassiday
Mrs. Schmaltz ..... Edna Richey
Dr. Brown ..... Timothy Morse
Mr. Black ..... Edward Beach
Jake ..... Lloyd Woolworth
Mrs. Frinck ..... Louise Altman

Bookholder: Dorothy Magnus
Director: Mr. Joseph Ombry
Stage Manager: Patricia Buckley

"Luigi"

Synopsis of Scenes

The Place: The living room of the Morlock home.
The Time: Act One: An evening of the present
Act Two: Scene 1: An hour or so later
Scene 2: The next day
Act Three: The next day

"Lucifer"

Production Staff

Assistant Director ..... Mrs. Ruth Tomkinson
Makeup ..... Frank Nalewick - Ann Perrin
Advertising ..... Rosemary Shifter, Janet Trinklein, Carol Janni
Tickets ..... Jean Haubenstricker, Erma Harpst, Dorothy Magnus

USHERS

April 27

Earlene Blades
Sandalee Dowdy
Sandra Powell
Regina Huber
Kay Davenport

Mr. Ombry

April 28

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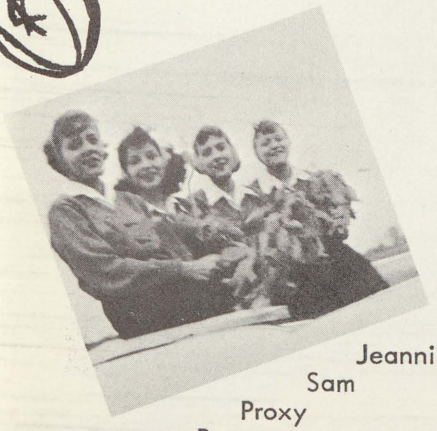
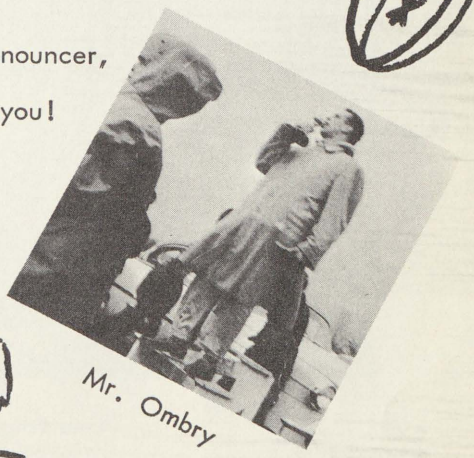


We won!

Jeannie
Sam
Proxy
Pug

Louder Mr. Announcer,
we can't hear you!



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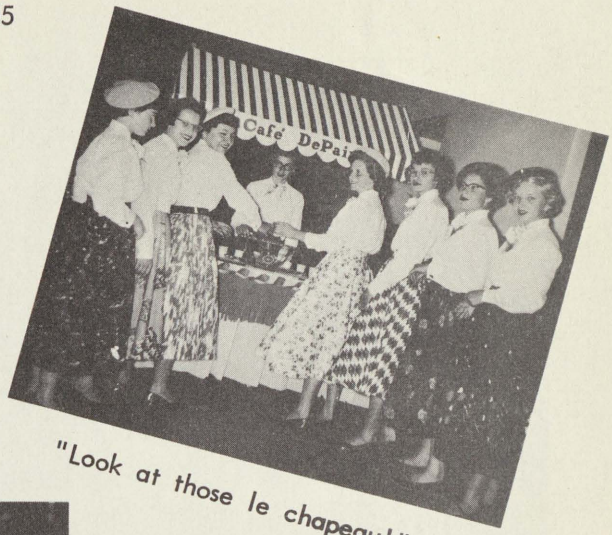

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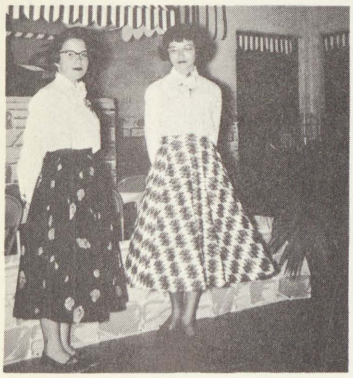
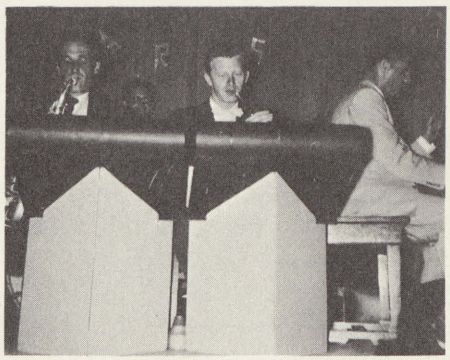


"las filles"

"Charmant"

"un orchestre"



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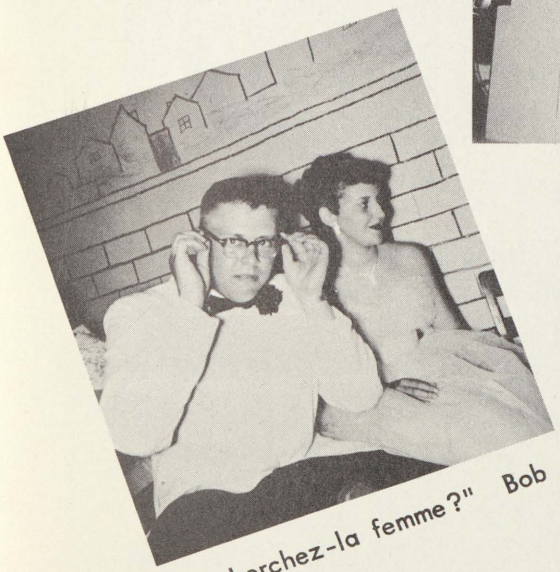
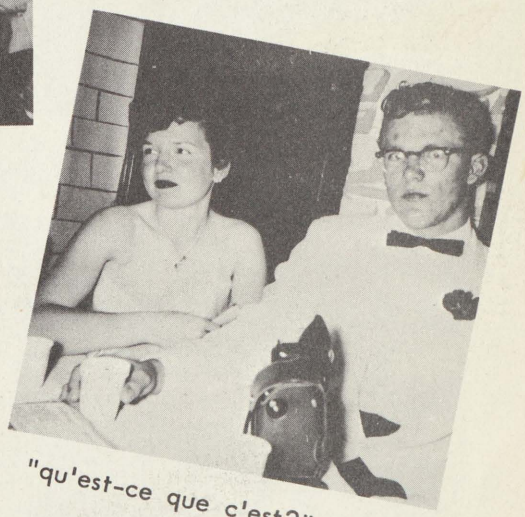


"cherchez-la femme?" Bob



"qu'est-ce que c'est?" Roy

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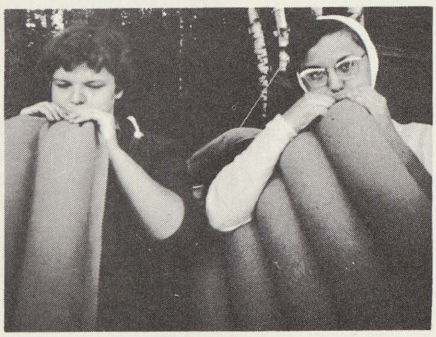


Janet

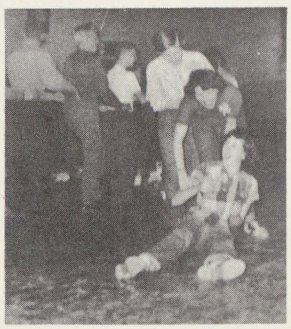
Look out girls - if those things blow back you'll look like the mattresses.

Ombry

Psotka

Cheer up fellows - it's only a week until payday.

This is a cheerful crowd, and why not -- it's the last day of school!!



Chicken a la gym floor

This is no square - it's Shirley.

(Editor's Note: This is art?)

Dedication

Reetz Reid Dowd

Greene, Reetz, Reid, Dowd, Layman, Layman, Keller.

A VETERAN TEACHER RETIRES

Sometimes books are dedicated to individuals and sometimes individuals dedicate their lives to service to others. This is the case this year when we are dedicating PANTHER TALES to Mrs. Olive Reid, a veteran of more than 35 years of teaching in schools of Saginaw County, and a long-time member of the Birch Run Area Schools faculty. Mrs. Reid started many members of the class of 1956 on their educational careers and has instructed three generations of Birch Run School students. Mrs. Reid was honored at a faculty dinner June 3, 1955 given by her colleagues. The pictures on this page were taken at the dinner.

Mrs. Reid was presented with a gold watch from the faculty by Elementary Principal Elnora Dowd. Miss Dowd, a twenty three year veteran on the teaching staff herself, stated that Mrs. Reid had been her first teacher and also told of her outstanding abilities as a teacher and her remarkable record of missing only five days of class room attendance in 35 years.

Mrs. Reid's career as an elementary instructor started in 1909 at the Deneen School in Maple Grove Township where she taught a nine month term for $35.00 per month. Other teaching assignments, all in Saginaw County, have been at Sloan, Burt, Becker, McGregor, Ross, and Birch Run schools. Since 1945 she has taught first grade and Kindergarten classes in Birch Run. Her long career as a teacher was interrupted by one ten-year "retirement."

Mrs. Reid was particularily adept as a teacher of reading. Miss Dowd has stated that she "should be teaching other teachers" how to work in this difficult field. Superintendent of Schools Harry Layman attributes her success to a "desire to help children, enthusiasm for her work, and just plain hard work."

Parents of first graders and kindergarten pupils also entertained Mrs. Reid at an afternoon party.

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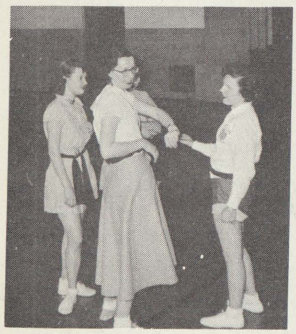

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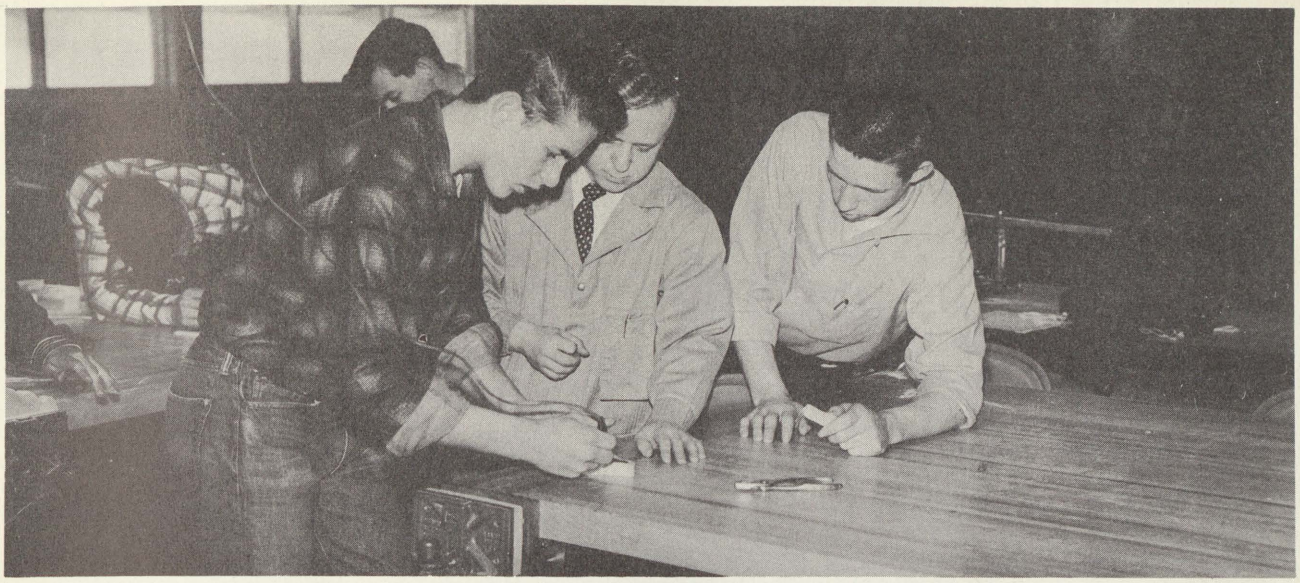

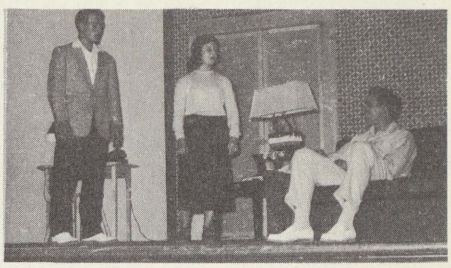

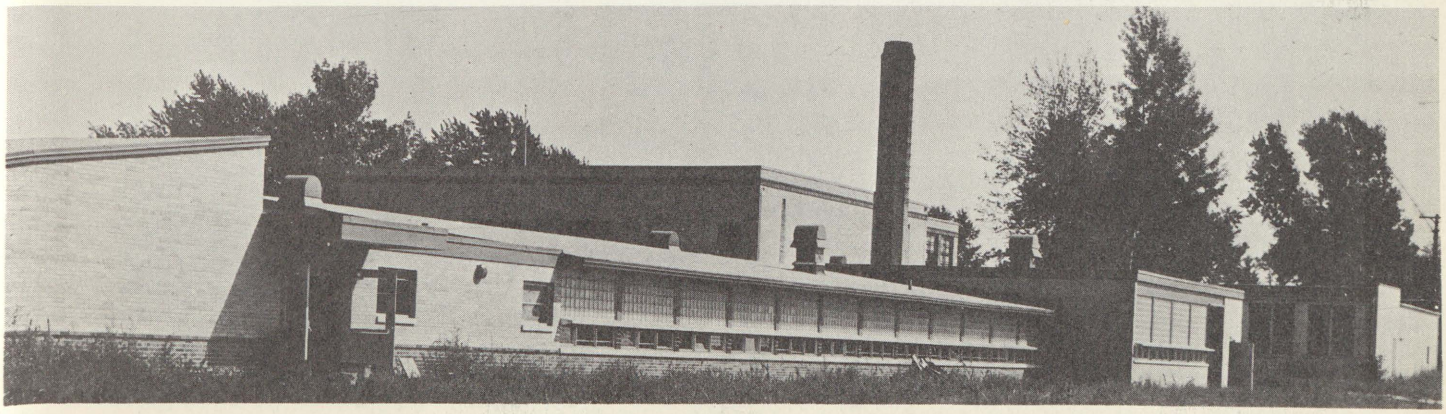

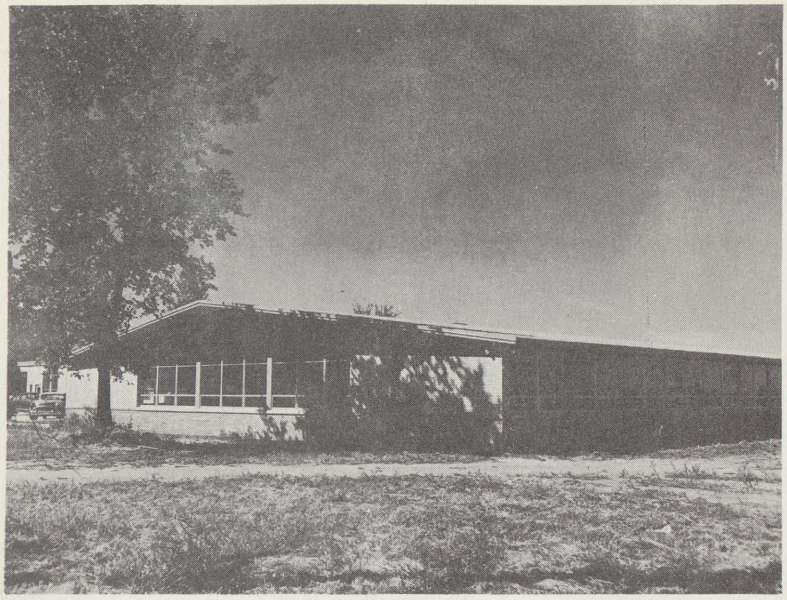

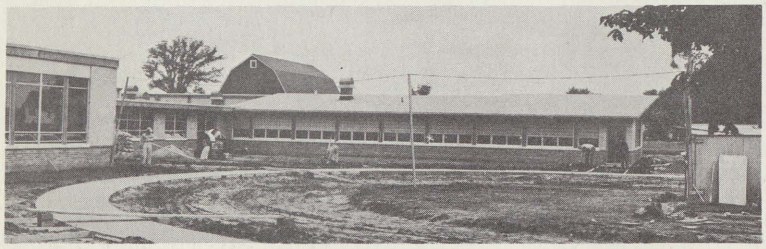

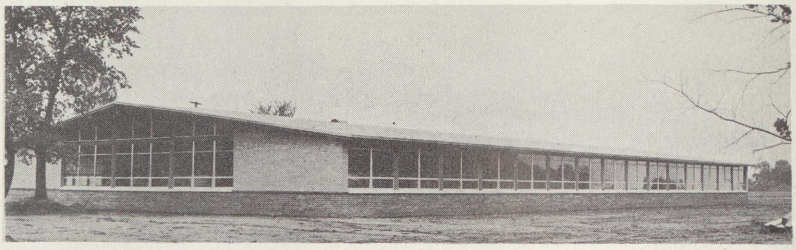

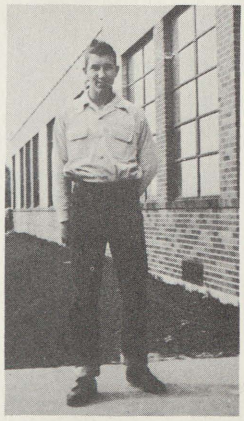

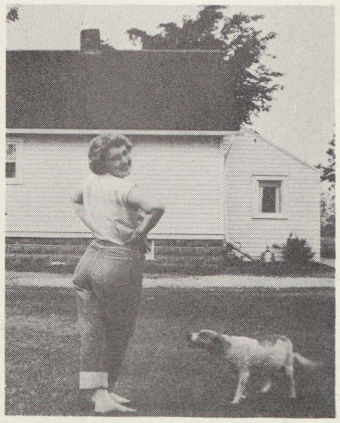

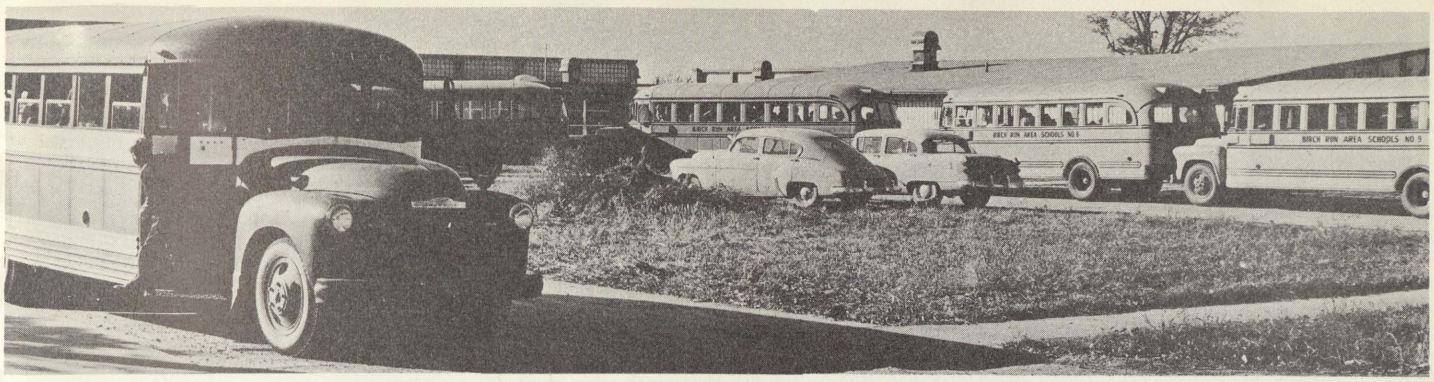
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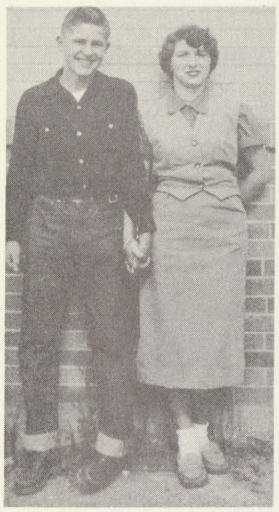

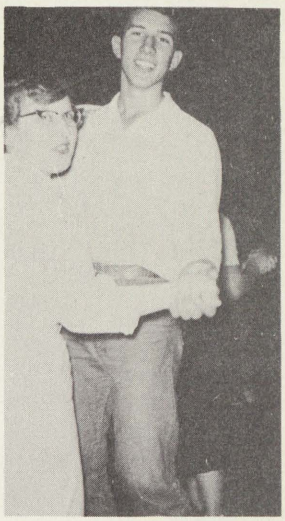

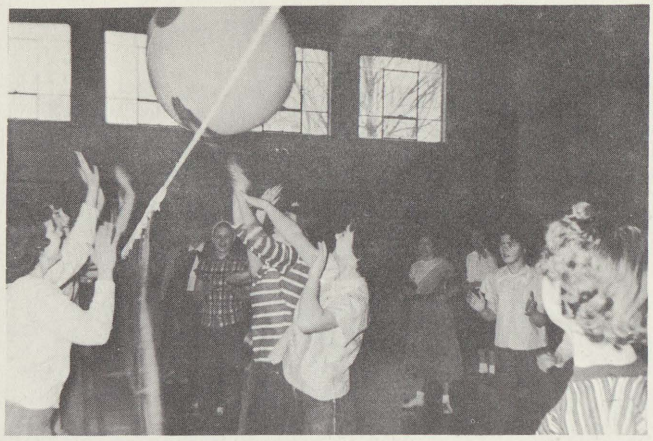

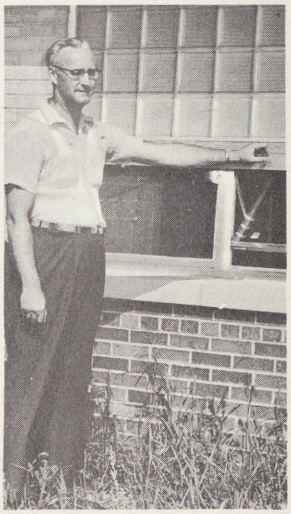

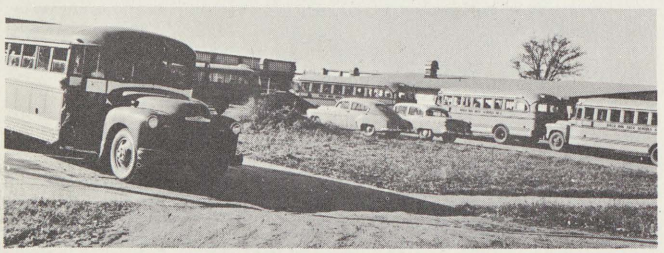

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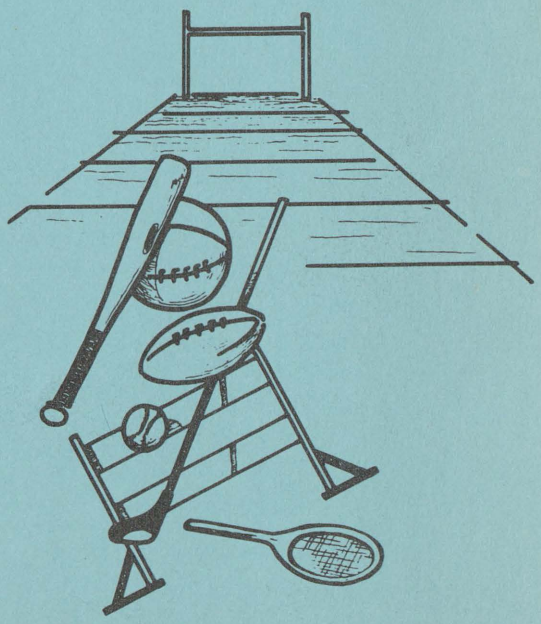

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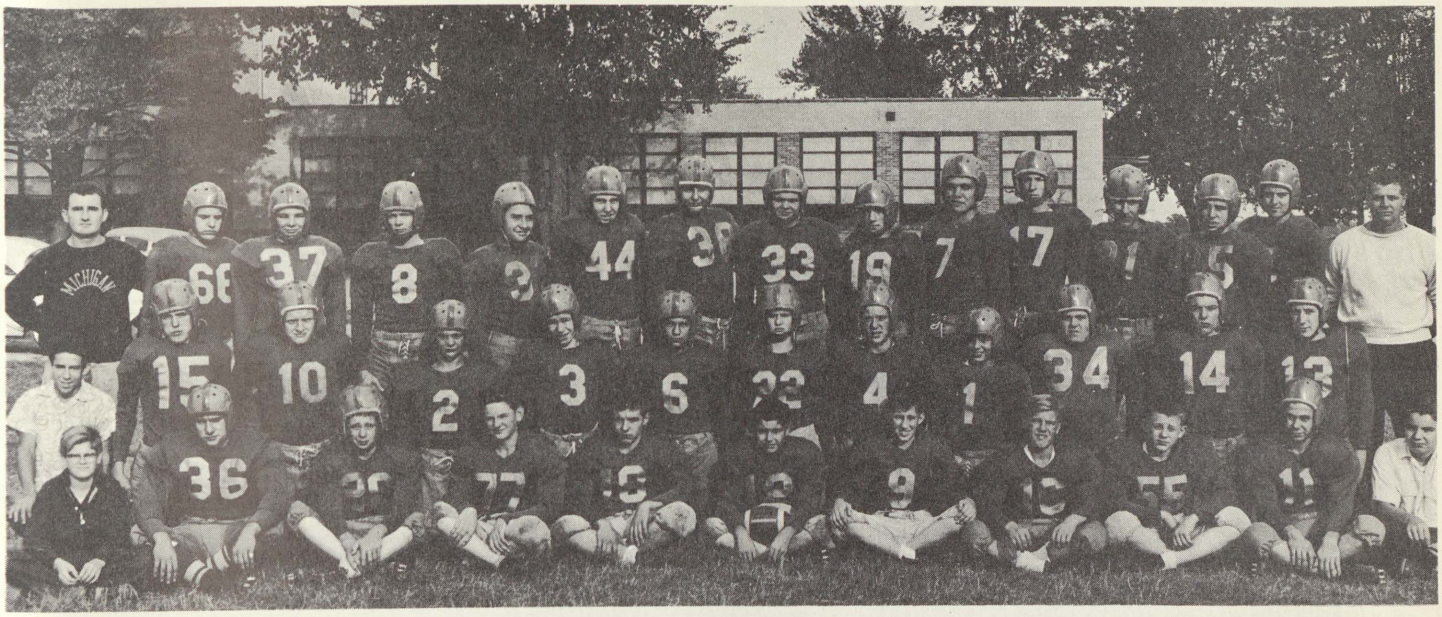

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KNEELING: Mgr. F. Hauck, G. Woodhull, R. Benes, J. Tanner, J. Reuther, J. King, R. Andrews, L. Belill, L. Hadsall, G. Moored, G. Berg, J. Morse.

SEATED: Mgr. D. Percy, D. Martin, L. Pickelmann, F. Tanner, R. Steepe, J. Ferguson, G. Randick, R. Louchart, R. Kenny, K. J. Duby, Mgr. K. Hickmott.

1955 FOOTBALL

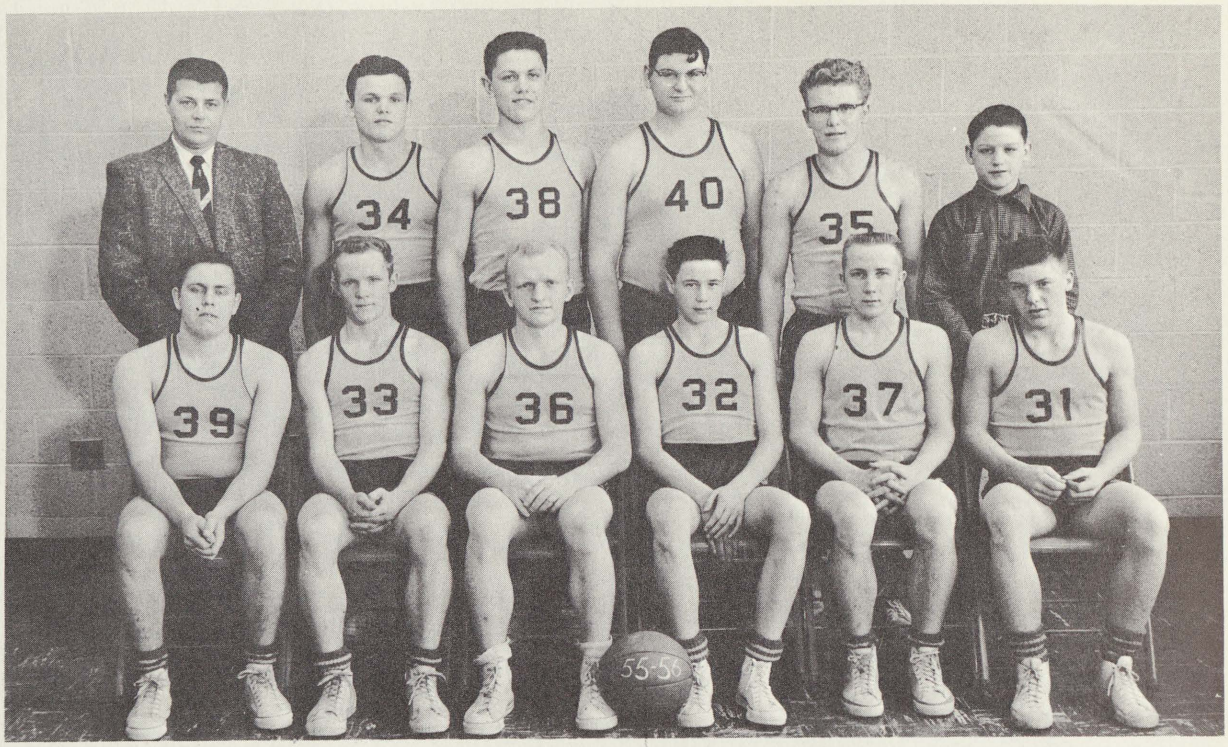
Birch Run opened its 1955 grid campaign with a stirring 18-6 conquest of Merrill High School as Bob Benes tallied on a 90 yard dash to highlight the win. The Panthers continued their winning ways with a 25-12 thumping of Saginaw St. Joseph. In a tight battle Birch Run and MSD battled to a 6-6 deadlock as both teams continued unbeaten. Flint Holy Redeemer broke the Panther skein of five undefeated games by a 13-0 decision.

The Panthers were then defeated by a smaller New Lothrop eleven 12-7 in the upset of the year. Evidently this loss aroused the Panther gridders as they soundly trounced Flint Hoover at the annual homecoming game 57-0 before a large crowd in a rain drenched contest. In the season's finale Birch Run, playing without the services of George Tanner and Bob Benes, was soundly beaten by a strong Hemlock crew 37-0. The Panthers' season record showed 3 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie.

Dale Martin was the leading ground gainer as well as scorer followed by Bob Benes in both departments. At a football banquet sponsored by the Birch Run Lions Club the Panther gridders received their awards and Bob Benes was elected team captain. Paul "Dizzy" Trout, one time Tiger pitching great, served as guest speaker for the affair.

Varsity letter winners were: Leo Belill, Robert Benes, Gilbert Berg, Norman Breiler, Kenneth J. Duby, Dale Martin, James Morse, Max Polzin, Robert Remender, Fred Reuther, James Smith, Claude Tanner, George Tanner, Dale Woolworth, Fred Hauck (Mgr.), Ken Hickmott (Mgr.), Robert Kenny (Mgr.). Reserve award winners were: Robert Andrews, Raphael Cassiday, Duane Coppoc, Jerry Ferguson, Larry Hadsall, Richard Louchart, Duane Miller, Robert Moore, Leonard Pickelmann, George Randick, James Reuther, Donald Reed, John Tanner. Honorable mention went to James Kuhl and Jerry King.

Varsity Basketball



TOP ROW: L. to R. Coach J. A. Vitany, G. Tanner, N. Breiler, C. Tanner, R. Andrews, Mgr. D. Reed.

BOTTOM ROW: R. Garfield, D. Woolworth, R. Benes, L. Picklemann, J. Morse, L. Belill.

BASKETBALL 1955-56

Birch Run's basketball season was highlighted by a pair of wins over arch-rival St. Michaels of Maple Grove. The long time mastery of the Grovers over the Panthers was broken when Birch Run captured a thrilling 43 to 42 victory at Maple Grove and trounced St. Mikes 69 to 43 at Birch Run. Millington also fell before the Panthers in both games of a home and home series.

The only additional victory Birch Run could manage in a 5 won - 11 lost season was a 59 to 42 conquest of New Lothrop on the Panthers home court.

Robert Garfield captured scoring honors with 194 points on 83 field goals and 28 free throws. Norman Breiler was close on his heels with 186 points and Leo Belill, workhorse guard, came in 3rd scoring 150 points.

SCORES FOR THE 1955-56 SEASON

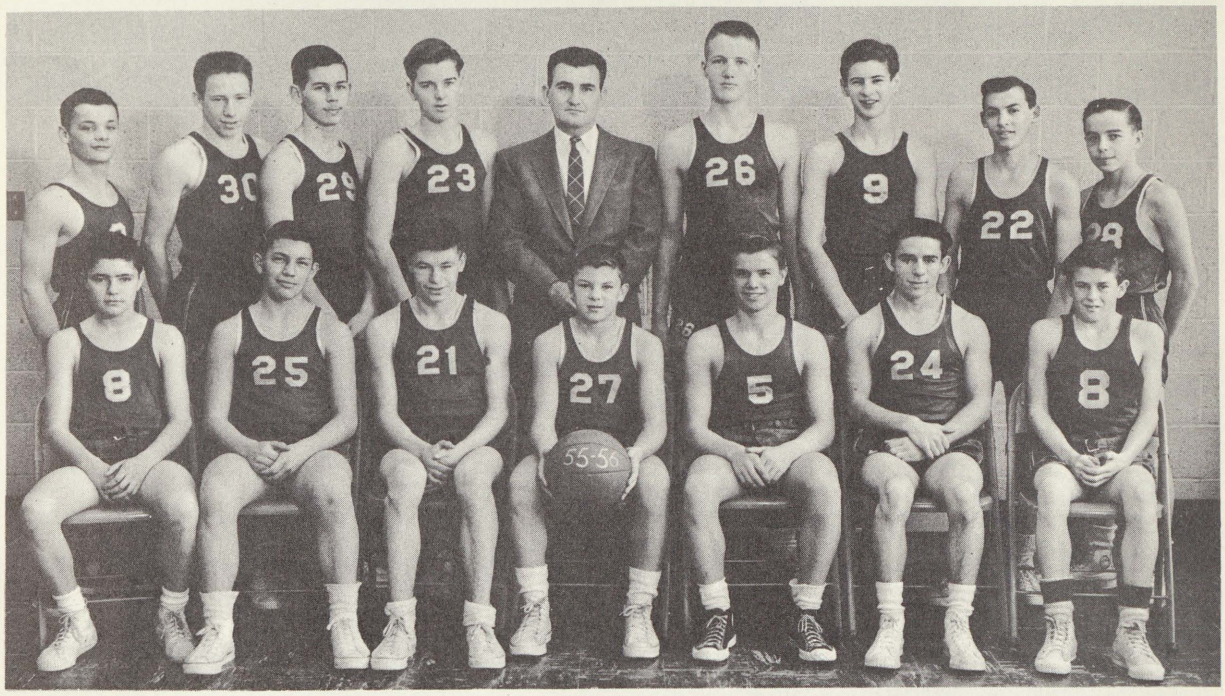
BR	43	MAPLE GROVE	42	BR	69	MAPLE GROVE	43
BR	48	HEMLOCK	54	BR	47	ST. MATTHEW	62
BR	55	MILLINGTON	48	BR	45	M.S.D.	49
BR	50	SEMINARY	57	BR	50	NEW LOTHROP	53
BR	40	GAINES	44	BR	55	MILLINGTON	54
BR	42	M.S.D.	54	BR	54	SEMINARY	69
BR	59	NEW LOTHROP	42	BR	46	HEMLOCK	72
BR	44	MONTROSE	66	BR	48	FLINT DYE	60

Varsity letter winners were Robert Garfield, Norman Breiler, Leo Belill, James Morse, George Tanner, Robert Benes, Leonard Picklemann.

1955-56 VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Name	F.G.A.	F.G.M.	F.T.A.	F.T.M.	TOTALS	FOULS
R. GARFIELD	224	83	42	28	194	43
N. BREILER	206	69	109	48	186	55
L. BELILL	195	56	81	38	150	53
J. MORSE	152	40	73	26	106	37
G. TANNER	105	37	60	24	98	34
B. BENES	36	6	19	3	15	19
L. PICKELMANN	9	1	7	1	3	9
C. TANNER	10	1	3	0	2	7
D. WOOLWORTH	2	0	3	2	2	2
TOTALS	964	302	416	171	795	269

Reserve Basketball



STANDING: L. to R. J. Tanner, R. Cole, A. Heckerthorne, R. Moore, Coach J. Psotka, D. Layman, R. Schumann, J. Lyons, R. Hutchinson.

SEATED: J. Ferguson, J. King, J. Reuther, L. Hadsall, R. Louchart, F. Hauck, D. Harris.

Although having aspired toward a more prosperous season, the Birch Run Junior Varsity quintet ended the mildly successful term with a 7 win and 8 loss record.

Score wise the cagers were led by tall forward Duane Miller, who tallied a total of 175 points. Don Layman, who did exceptionally well in the pivot, followed closely with a 134 points total. Effective in both guard and forward slots were versatile Larry Hadsall, Ron Cole and Fred Hauck, each of whom totaled respectively: 101, 88, and 85 points.

Reserve award winners were: Donald Layman, Duane Miller, Larry Hadsall, Fred Hauck, Ronald Cole, Robert Moore, Robert Hutchinson, Jerry King, Jesse Lyons, James Reuther.

Baseball

STANDING: L. to R. J. Morse, L. Belill, R. Benes, J. Smith, R. Cassidy, R. Sproul, M. Hauck, A. Miller, R. Remender, H. Matzke, E. Beach, F. Hauck, Coach A. W. Thorp.

KNEELING: G. Worden, J. Maeder, W. Vaughan, N. Breiler, C. Tanner, F. Reuther, J. Reuther, L. Pickelmann, R. Andrews.

BASEBALL - 1955

Coach A. W. Thorp's diamond squad completed a fine season featuring seven wins against three losses. The Panthers did not lose to the same team twice during the season and posted a double victory over Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

An outstanding feature of the season was the fine right handed pitching of Marvin Hauck. Fred Hauck, Fred Reuther, Marvin Hauck, and William Vaughan contributed much to the timely hitting. Defensively, Leo Belill, Robert Garfield, William Vaughan, and Fred Reuther were outstanding.

Varsity letter winners were: Fred Hauck, Marvin Hauck, Fred Reuther, William Vaughan, Leo Belill, Jack Maeder, Richard Sproul, Robert Benes, Robert Garfield, Garry Worden (Mgr.), Jerry Morse (Mgr.)

BASEBALL SCORES

BR	2	New Lothrop	3	BR	1	Maple Grove	3
BR	6	Our Lady	1	BR	5	New Lothrop	0
BR	15	M. L. Seminary	8	BR	2	Hemlock	12
BR	3	Millington	1	BR	8	Maple Grove	3
BR	15	Hemlock	3	BR	8	M. L. Seminary	1

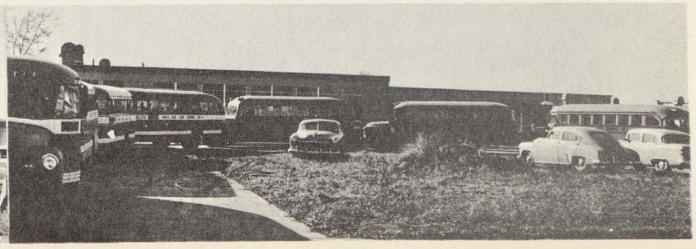
BATTING AVERAGES

Player	Innings	AB	R	H	Ave.
Claude Tanner	1	1	0	1	1.000
Fred Hauck	41	18	6	7	.388
Marvin Hauck	70	31	5	12	.387
Fred Reuther	61	29	3	10	.345
Bill Vaughn	70	30	4	10	.333
Leo Belill	62	32	11	9	.281
Jack Maeder	66	33	12	9	.273
Richard Sproul	67	34	7	9	.265
James Smith	10	4	1	1	.258
Robert Benes	65	35	9	9	.257
Gerald Moored	6	4	0	1	.250
Robert Garfield	49	19	3	1	.052
Gilbert Berg	9	5	1	0	.000
Herman Matzke	7	3	0	0	.000
Kenneth Duby	7	2	0	0	.000
Robert Remender	9	4	0	0	.000
George Tanner	11	4	0	0	.000
Tony Miller	11	4	0	0	.000
Norman Breiler	4	1	0	0	.000
Roy Andrews	1	0	0	0	.000
Leonard Pickleman	2	1	0	0	.000

Varsity Club

STANDING: L. to R. Coach J. A. Vitany, L. Picklemann, G. Seder, G. Tanner, R. Hickmott, C. Tanner, E. Reid, N. Brieler, R. Andrews, F. Reuther, L. Belill, Coach J. Psotka.

SEATED: Coach A. W. Thorp, J. Ferguson, D. Woolworth, M. Polzin, R. Benes, R. Garfield, G. Moored, F. Hauck.



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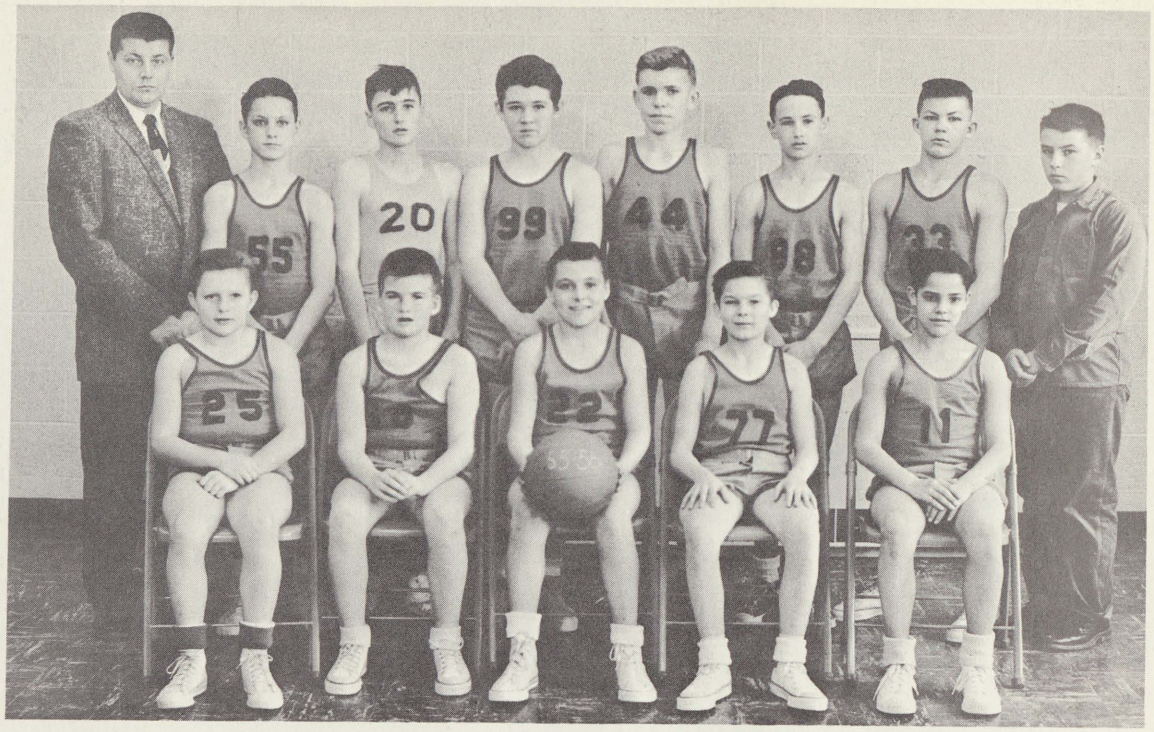

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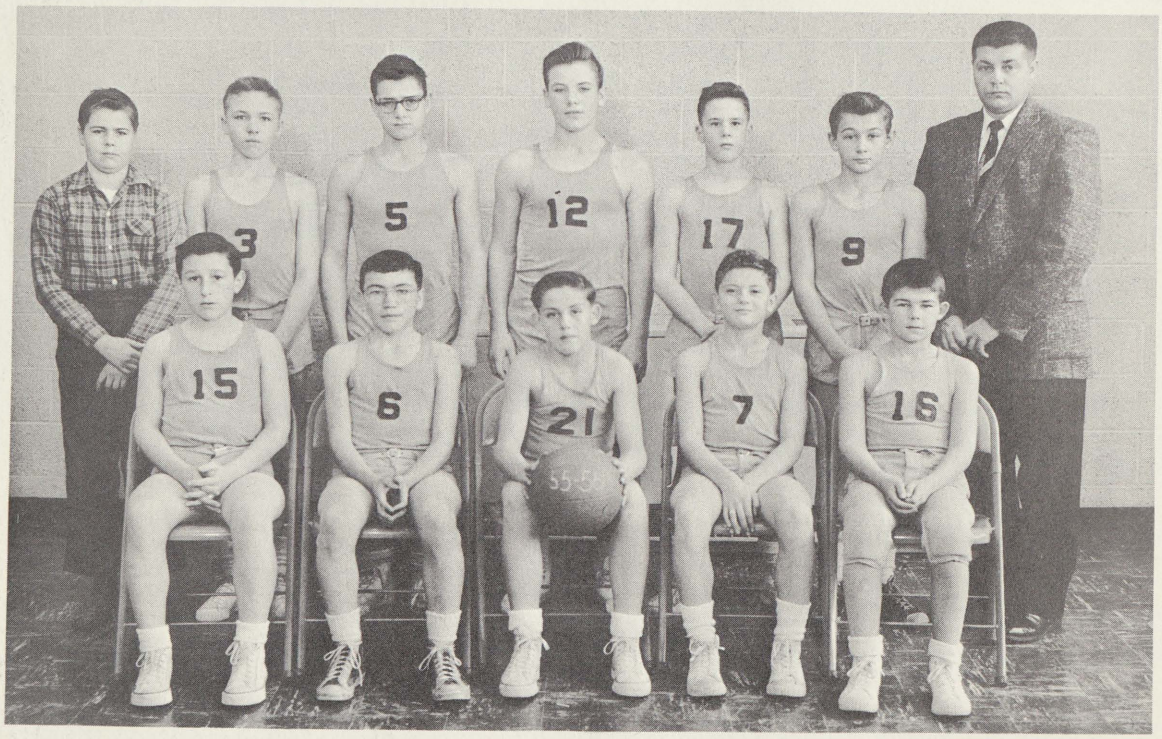
SEATED: L. Palberg, R. Hobson, R. Ostrum, E. Henry, R. Duranseau.

SEVENTH GRADE BASKETBALL



STANDING: L. to R. Mgr. A. Jones, J. Pagels, W. Parsell, J. Matzke, T. Keller, W. Braeutingan, Coach J. A. Vitany.

SEATED: R. Bowns, G. Block, J. Minard, R. Hadsall, K. Hauck.

VOLLEY BALL CHAMPIONS

TOP ROW: L. to R. S. Dowdy, Mrs. Hurst, L. Matzke.

BOTTOM ROW: B. Zehnder, V. Remender, J. Minard, J. Hobson, R. Huber, F. Belill.

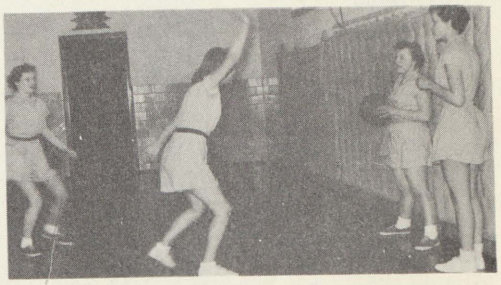
RACQUET WIELDERS

5th HOUR GIRL'S GYM CLASS

NOON HOUR CHAMPS

TOP ROW: L. to R. S. Sutto, J. Hobson, S. Dowdy, J. King.

BOTTOM ROW: M. Dolfi, V. Remender, R. Huber, J. Schultz, C. Hauck.



Watch out! Jeannie's gonna fool you, Jerry!

Left to Right

Jean Belill

Ruth Hauck

Joyce Papineau

Lois Papineau

Cheer Leaders

Left to Right

Dorothy Magnus

Patricia Buckley

Sharon Courtney

Janet Trinklein

Nancy Huckins

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